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LOCAL JOTTINGS.

NEXT comes Washington's birthday.

No more holidays for the school children until March.

ABEL & LOCKE'S stock of carpets is new and varied See their assortment.

SEE those beautiful lambrequins at Abel & Locke's

THE state bar banquet will be given at Springfield this week. A large number of Decatur attorneys will be there.

THE Springfield *Journal*, changed its make-up on the first of January, and is now a six-column quarto newspaper.

Two of the finest coaches on the I., D. & S. R'y are being fitted up with a fine new style of reclining chair car, which will be placed on the line in a few days.

THE Peoria *Journal* states that the P., D. & E. traffic has picked up to such a degree that they have been compelled to put on a through freight, which carries nothing but eastbound freight.

JAMES M. LUNSFORD, who escaped from the county jail a few days ago, is again in custody. He was arrested at Taylorville. Sheriff Foster will go to that place this afternoon, bring Jimmy home, and put him a cell at the county jail. Lunsford's criminal offense is forgery.

DECATUR lawyers will go to Springfield on Friday next, and dr— oat and be merry at the annual state bar banquet to be given at the Leland on the evening of that day.

DON'T catch cold, but if you do, nothing will meet the requirements of the case as well as Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price 25 cents.

PERUSE F. L Hays & Co 's new advertisement in this issue. They offer special bargains.

THE Peoria *Freeman* has increased in size. It is now a seven-column folio and is chock full of news. Keep it up and the *Democrat* will have to take a back seat.

"LOOK" before you buy, at our Cheap Counter," say the dry goods firm of Linn & Scrugge in their new advertisement in this issue. Read it, and learn their low prices.

OF the 333 pupils in the Feeble-Minded Asylum at Lincoln, only 12 are children of wealthy parents; 169 are county paupers, and the remaining 125 poor or in only moderate circumstances.

WHEN Jim Lunsford, the self-confessed forger, escaped from the county jail he lit out for the west and first showed his phiz to public gaze at Mexico, Missouri. He is now behind the bars in the county jail, having been brought here last night from Taylorville by Sheriff Foster.

ON Tuesday the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway Company commenced running their trains through to Grayville, Ill. This makes 215 miles of road completed, with about 40 miles under construction between Grayville and Evansville, Ind.

SPLENDID carpets lower than ever at Abel & Locke's. See them and learn prices before purchasing elsewhere.

YES, it worries them! while they complain of dull times to see our store crowded with customers. But its no marvel, it is simply the inevitable outgrowth of good goods, lowest prices, and fair, square treatment to all. See our all-wool double-fold cashmeres at 37½ cents per yard. POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.
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C. M. GOULD, Orono, Maine, says: During more than 20 years' Boot and Shoe experience, I have paid considerable attention to Tip Goods, and will give it is as my opinion that the A. S. T. Co. Tip will in time supersede all others for childreus' wear

WE value any amount of your trade, and you will always find us laboring to get the balance of it. We are striving to do a Fair, Honorable business, and any assistance from you will be highly appreciated.

CHEAP CHARLEY.
Leading One Price Clothier.

COL. J. FRANK WILSON, of Yellville, Arkansas, son-in-law of Mr. David Blalock, of Mt. Zion township, was greeted by a very large audience of temperance people at the tabernacle on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hefter, the assistant rector of St. John's church, and singing by the choir and congregation. The speaker was introduced by D. L. Bunn, Esq. The address showed that Col. Wilson, who is a prohibitionist from principle, has given the temperance question much deep thought. He presented a mass of statistics, proving the extent and evil of the liquor traffic as viewed from his stand point, and closed by urging all to stand by the temperance cause and work together for its final triumph. It was announced that Rev. Mr. Hefter will speak at the tabernacle on next Sunday afternoon, and Hon. Geo. M. Bain, of Kentucky, on Friday evening, Jan. 14th.

THE Charity Ball fund is being used promptly and in a most judicious manner; but the members of the relief committee are considerably annoyed by the receipt of anonymous letters notifying them of persons in need of aid. They have responded to these calls so far, but in future they will do so no more. Hereafter let the notes be signed by some person to whom the committee can go for information respecting the real condition of parties in need of aid. Physicians and others, knowing of any persons being ill and in want of help, are urged to notify Mrs. Dr. Johns, or any other member of the distributing committee at their earliest convenience.

MAGGIE CAUMODY, a young servant girl, who has been employed by L. L. Haworth, L. Burrows, D. W. Brenneman, and others, is in trouble. She was arrested last evening on a charge of having obtained goods from a shoe store under false pretenses. It is charged that she procured goods and then had them charged to her employers. She is in the custody of Sheriff Foster at the county jail, and will probably have a preliminary examination this evening. The complaint is made by L. L. Ferriss.

THE following pupils in the fourth grade, 2d ward school, were neither absent nor tardy during the month of December, 1880: Dollie Aiken, Ina Briggs, Hattie Black, Hattie Carrigan, Nellie Carter, Lizzie Crow, Katie Flynn, Josie Gasoway, Matilda Hiser, Clara Hoffman, Lizzie Hughes, Edna Jones, Gertie Lindberg, Lizzie Oren, Clara Reeme, Harlie Armstrong, Eddie Batson, Willie Batson, Henry Abbott, Eddie Cunningham, Cloyd Gates, Frankie Funk, Geo. Livergood, Jacob Lanham, Jesse Moore, Harry Roby, Frank Pitner, Ernest Lunn, Ulysses Lyon, Louie McGurthy, Arthur Stafford, Eddie Willis, Willie Ward.

A. E. MURPHY, Teacher.

THE teacher, Thomas W. Jacobs, sends us the following report of pupils who, during the month of December, 1880, have not been absent at the Cross Roads school, district No. 8, township 16: Chas. Smith, John Ward, Mattie Smith, Emma Etherton, Ettie Henry, Mathena Jacobs, Hattie Jacobs, Mollie Henry, John Wray, Oliver Phillips and Maggie Durning.—Those not tardy during the same month: Charles Rose, George Mitchell, Frank Bair, Willis Bair, John Ward, Alfred Ward, John Mitchell, Mary E. Moore, Nora Smith, Luther Phillips, Dora Carter, Ida Rose, August Nebo, Fred Nebo, Charles Nebo, James E. Good, Archer Williams, Laura Bunday, John Bair, Jas. Williams, Wm. Ward, John Wray, Oliver Phillips, Alice Rose, Nelia Williams

SHERIFF FOSTER had a woman in the county jail last night. Her name is Matilda Arnold She stole $26 in cash and a watch and chain from a person in Pekin. She then left for Decatur. A telegram sent to Marshal Baker caused the arrest of Matilda by Deputy Marshal Hewes on her arrival here yesterday. She had the watch and most of the money in her possession. Officers from Pekin have come after the woman, and have taken her back to the town of distilleries.

Taffy.

Taffy on the half shell, and strong Hoarhound Candy, at the "Shoo Fly Stand." w1t

THE next attractions at the opera house will be the return of the original Billy Arlington Minstrels, a troupe of 24 artists, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 11, and the great society favorite, Rice's New Evangeline Party, on Jan. 14th—both next week. The Pirates of Penzance, booked for Jan. 20th, have cancelled their date, and will not appear here until flowers bloom.

THE temperance question is one of the principle topics of conversation at the state capital, and will cause a determined fight in both houses when the members get down to business. Miss Willard and other friends of the temperance cause are there, and so are representatives of the State Liquor Dealers' Association.

DON'T fail to look at, examine and price our Cloaks, Dolmans and Circulars. They are, in style and quality, second to none. We have too many, and are willing to sell them at *actual cost*.

4-d&w1w CHEAP STORE.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Open Doors and Cordial Hospitality Extended at Numerous Residences in Decatur—Pleasant Weather and a Delightful Time all Round.

The pleasant custom of keeping "open house" in Decatur on New Year's Day, was generally observed by the fair ladies of our community as usual. The weather was delightfully pleasant, and the 140 gentlemen callers who made the grand rounds were everywhere received with warm grasps of the hand, sunny smiles and words of kindly welcome and good cheer; and at each residence the refreshment tables were laden with every obtainable delicacy of the season. We regret exceedingly that our limited space to-day forbids an extended description of the many beautiful decorations at the different open houses, and of the elegant silk and satin dresses worn by the ladies as noted by the REPUBLICAN representative; suffice it to say in brief that all looked their very prettiest and did the honors of the gayest day of the new year in their usual graceful and accomplished manner The following named ladies received callers formally:

Mrs. J. W. Race, from two to six, assisted by Mrs. A. C. Danes, of St Joseph, Mo., Mrs. John S. Williams, of Lafayette, Ind., Mrs. John F. Wolgamott, of Springfield, Ill., Mrs. J. R. Race, Mrs. J. A. Close, Mrs. B. K. Durfee, Mrs. C. L. Griswold, Mrs. R. J. Oglesby, Mrs Sedgwick and Miss Flora Race.

Mrs. J. E. Bering and daughter, from two to six, assisted by Mrs. B. O. McReynolds, Miss Simmons, of St. Louis, Miss Mabel Moses, of Springfield, the Misses Rogers, Miss Annie Chambers, Miss Jennie McReynolds, and Miss Alice Bering.

Misses Hattie and Anna Brown, assisted by Misses Gertie Bond and Fannie Smith, of Decatur, and Miss Mollie Bond, of Indianapolis, from three until ten p. m., at the residence of Capt. W. J. Brown on South Main street.

Mrs. L. Burrows and daughters, after 2 p. m. in company with Mrs. Judge Thornton, Mrs. Wm. B. Chambers, Mrs. Wm. M. Boyd, Mrs. J. H. Vennigerholz, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Miss Olive Oglesby.

Miss Lucy Prestley and Miss Gussie Hill, from two till eight p. m., at the residence of Rev. Mr. Prestley, 42 West Main street.

Mrs. J. F. Roach, from two to eight p. m., assisted by Mrs. O. B. Gorin, and Misses McClellan, Stamper, Buchart and Halleck.

Mrs. Roy Loughbom, assisted by her sister, Miss Iola Boyd and Miss Loughbom, at the residence on North Main street.

INFORMALLY.

The following named ladies received friends informally after 2 o'clock.

Mrs John Freeman and daughter, Miss Alice, assisted by Mrs. M. K. Hatch and Mies Bina.

Mrs. James W. Haworth, assisted by Mrs. C. M. Allison and Miss Lena Henkle.

Mrs. A. W. Conklin, assisted by Mrs. Wm. Bowers, Mrs. J. D. Henkle, and Mrs. Geo. F. Hargis, of Wellington, Kansas.

Miss Adele Shellabarger, assisted by friends.

Miss Minnie Parker, assisted by Miss Hattie Hardy.

Miss Rella Shockley.

Miss Ella Race, assisted by Miss Dot Wolgamot, of Springfield.

Miss Hattie Howell, assisted by Miss Sallie Whitsel, city, and Miss Jennie Madison, Tuscola.

Miss Fannie Sibley, assisted by Dollie and Minnie Malone, Eva Bixby and Ada Pratt.

THE MILLIKIN RECEPTION,

Mrs. James Millikin received callers from 4 to 11 p. m., in her customary cordial manner. The novel costumes of the ladies are deserving of special mention.

Mrs. Millikin—Cotton flannel, cherry color, black lace trimmings, pearl jewelry.

Mrs. McKeen, Terre Haute—Cotton flannel, bleached, swansdown trimmings, diamond jewelry.

Mrs. Hanna, Indianapolis—Cotton flannel, blue, white lace, gold jewelry.

Miss Dollie Millikin—Cotton flannel, rose color, swans down trimmings.

Mrs. Shepherd—Cotton flannel, fawn color, white lace

Miss Mollie Barnes—Cotton flannel, old gold, black lace, cardinal roses.

Miss Carrie Powers—Cotton flannel, blue, white lace, Marshel Neil roses, amber jewelry.

Miss Jennnette Bowers—Cotton flannel, unbleached, ornaments, natural flowers.

Mrs. Winston—Cotton flannel, black, coral jewelry.

Mrs Warren—Cotton flannel, old gold, white lace, daisies and daisy jewelry.

Each lady was without gloves, and all were black slippers The average cost of each dress pattern was $1 85. The parlors were filled with music rendered by Prof. Goodman's orchestra, and dancing was generally indulged in The dining-room was handsomely adorned with a choice collection of fresh oil paintings, the work of the accomplished hostess.—The largest one is four feet square, representing game; two panel pictures, each seven feet long and two feet wide, representing fruit and vegetables, and two plaques, representing fruit and bright-eyed mischievous kitten. They were generally admired by all.

THE RACE RECEPTION.

Mrs. J. W. Race received gentlemen friends in grand style. The cheerful parlors of her new and beautiful home were handsomely decorated with flowers, smilax, ferns, costly portraits, and Parisian ornamentations of striking beauty and elegance. Here lovers of terpsichorean pleasures indulged in that pastime to the music of Prof. Leonard's orchestra. The festivities of the day closed with a fashionable party given by Mrs. Race in honor of the Ridotto Club and friends.

The favors, or trophies, of the day worn by the gentlemen were button-hole bouquets of dried grasses, given by Mrs. J. F. Roach; charming blue ribbons, with a tinkling bell attached; on each ribbon was printed, "Ring Out the Old Year—Ring in the New," by Mrs. Race; pretty collections of white wood cards, with the autograph of each lady written on each small card, by Mrs. Millikin; hand-painted white wood horse-shoes, by Mrs. Burrows; decorated terre cotta pipes, by Mrs. Bering, and cigars with ribbon ornaments, by Mrs. J. W. Haworth.

The decorations at the residences of Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Bering were made in charming good taste. At the latter a novel feature of the reception was the fortune telling pool of soap bubbles which never failed to engage the admiring attention of the gentlemen.

The calling cards presented by the gentlemen were in the main, rich and unique in design and were generally greatly admired and complimented by the fair recipients. Probably the most elegant memento of the day was the illuminated card and miniature envelopes presented by the "Big Four"—Messrs. Taylor, Hatfield, Sheets and Cole—who made the rounds in a carriage drawn by four chargers.

From Monday's Daily

The Race Prize Drawing.

The grand annual gift drawing advertised by J. R. Race & Co., clothiers, occurred at the tabernacle this afternoon in the presence of about 250 people. There were nearly 13,000 numbered gun-wads in a flour barrel, 100 of which were taken out, one by one, by a blind-folded boy, each tenth number drawing a prize. The drawing was conducted by J. P. Faris, of Niantic, J. Y. Braden, of Hickory, and J. H. Alexander, of Whitmore, and was entirely fair and satisfactory.

Following are the lucky numbers and prizes:
8553—One $60 Government Bond.
10147—One $25 Cash Gift.
368—One $25 Suit of Clothes.
1942—One $25 Overcoat.
9498—One $15 Youth's Suit.
1119—One $15 Youth's Overcoat.
3067—One $10 Boy's Suit.
2 92—One $40 Sewing Machine.
8210—One $25 Cook Stove.
12143—One Haworth Check Rower.

Prizes Claimed.

The following named persons held lucky numbers in the J. R. Race & Co. gift drawing, and have received their prizes: John H. Brayton held No. 10,147, taking the $25 cash prize; Samuel Shelley, No. 2,692 taking the $40 sewing machine; Alderman Peter McDonald, No. 1042, taking the $25 overcoat; and Capt. O. O. Bagley, No. 369, taking the $25 man's suit of clothes. The holders of the other prize numbers have not yet reported.

A Sea of Trouble.

Following was the programme of exercises at the meeting of the Athenian Society held at the high school building on Saturday evening:

Oration—Silas Lowry.
Reading—"John Maynard," Miss Eva LaRoche.
Recitation—"Little Johnnie's Next Door Neighbor," Miss Lillie Brown.
Declamation—"Charlie Collins."
Duet—Violin and Flute, Joe Alexander and Horace Andrews.
Farce—"A Sea of Troubles," in which eight young men personated as many different characters.
Music—By the "Pleiades."

The farce was something entirely new, and as it had been rehearsed repeatedly, it was given with splendid effect and afforded much amusement.

Going to the Inauguration.

Adjutant General Hilliard has sent the Decatur Guards, (Co. H., I. N G.) 50 light blue regulation overcoats, which will be used by the company on the 10th inst., on the morning of which day the Guards go to Springfield in command of Capt. Foster, to witness the second inauguration of Governor-elect Cullom, and participate in the exercises. The overcoats were received by Captain Foster this morning, and they are now at the company's armory. Every member of the company is expected to be at the company's armory to-morrow night, and drill for Monday, Jan. 10th, when they will represent Decatur as an organization at the State capital, and do themselves and our fair city credit and honor.

WOULDN'T it be in order for Brag, Bluster and Bow to say something now about our mark-down sale, which is daily increasing in popularity as the people learn of our marvelously low prices. Store crowded with customers from morn till night, eagerly buying the great bargains we are at at present offering. $1.00 will buy a good winter cloak. $1.00 will buy a good pair of bed blankets. Good heavy dress goods as low as 6¼ cents a yard.—Our prices will always be found lower than any spasmodic quotations, no matter from what source. Extra inducements to cash buyers at the

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.
d&w1t

The Veterans

A regular meeting of the Macon Co. Veteran Association will be held at the court house on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1881, at one o'clock p. m., for the election of officers. A full attendance is desired.

By order. J. H. MOORE, Pres't.
JNO. A. BARNES, Sec'y.

E. B. Pratt

Has a few thousand dollars which he wishes to exchange for good

HORSES

within the next three months. Special days for buying, Jan. 12th to 20th; February and March, 10th to 17th, inclusive, and at any other time convenient to the seller, at his place of business, 37 North Church street, Decatur, Ill.

Jan. 4, 1881—d&w1m

IF YOU wish to buy a handsome Cloak, Dolman or Circular, at about *one-half* the price generally asked you for a similar class of goods, call at the

4-d&w1w CHEAP STORE.

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

December Term, 1880—Judge Smith Presiding.

MONDAY, JAN. 3, 1881.

Court convened at 1:30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. John Hawkins; burglary and larceny; stricken from docket with leave to reinstate.

Same vs. John Blackburn; burglary and larceny; same disposition as above.

Same vs. Billy Trowbridge and Frances Corning; adultery; same disposition.

Same vs. Matthew Ruby; selling liquor to an inebriate; same disposition.

Same vs. Elmira Miller, *alias* Elmira Kennedy; keeping house of ill-fame; same disposition.

Same vs. David H. Updike and Louisa Humphrey; incest; continued to next term.

Same vs. Samuel Ritchie; influencing voters; continued on motion of People.

Same vs. James McGee; enticing away an unmarried female; cause continued to next term of court on motion of People.

Same vs. Alonzo Bunce; advertising as an abortionist; motion entered by defendant to be discharged.

Same vs. William C. Davis; perjury; motion entered to quash indictment.

Same vs. Lewis Herrington; perjury; prisoner recognized in $2,000 bail, and motion entered to quash indictment.

Same vs. Andrew Robison; perjury; motion entered to quash indictment.

Same vs. Wm. Turner et al.; riot. Turner recognized in $300 bond and released.

Same vs. M. K., John, Thomas and William Carroll; selling liquor without license; defendants John and M. K. Carroll defaulted; *scl fa* and capias awarded and cause continued; Thomas and William Carroll recognized in $500 each, and released.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. M. K., John, Thomas and William Carroll: keeping open tippling house; defendants arraigned and all pleaded not guilty; trial by jury pending.

CHANCERY DOCKET.

Ida Stahl et al. vs Myrtle V. Neiman et al.; partition; George V. Loring, Joseph Brown and R. M. Hamilton appointed commissioners.

Martha E. Daly vs. Albert Daly et al.; chancery; Edwin Park, Esq., appointed guardian *ad litem*.

David Garver vs. Luchnda Garver; divorce; rule on complainant to pay to defendant $150 temporary alimony by next Monday.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5.

Court convened at 8:30 a. m.

PEOPLE'S DOCKET.

People vs. George Wise; selling liquor without license; case dismissed.

Same vs. M K., John, Thomas and William Carroll; keeping open a tippling house; trial by jury; verdict of guilty returned against all defendants on first two counts in indictment; not guilty as to others; motion entered by defendants for a new trial.

Same vs. Michael McMahon; selling liquor without license—an old charge; defendant having previously pleaded guilty, was fined $20 and costs on each of the three counts confessed.

The motion for a continuance in the abortion case of the People vs. Alonzo Bunce was overruled.

People vs. Peter Sells and Nicholas Webber; selling liquor without license; continued by agreement.

Same vs. Edward Harpstite and Henry Shlaudeman; keeping open a tippling house; an old case; nolle entered.

Same vs. John Bundy; enticing away an unmarried female; continued with alias capias.

Same vs. William Sture; rape; trial by jury pending.

Same vs James Lunsford; forgery; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

Same vs. Thomas Blair, et al; burglary and larceny; plea of not guilty withdrawn by defendant and plea of guilty entered.

Same vs. same; same charge; same action as above.

Same vs. James Wilson; selling liquor to a minor; defendant arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

W. C. T. U. and C. W. A.

At the last regular meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Clara M Taylor, the newly elected president of the Cold Water Army, requested that the Union become responsible for its future. On motion she was confirmed as president, Mrs. J H Brayton was elected vice president, (in place of Miss Abbie Pratt, resigned), and was also constituted treasurer. It is understood that Miss Alice Fuller will serve as secretary.

The officers desire to meet all their soldiers on Saturday next at 2 p m, at the club room of the tabernacle, prepared for such drill as shall render them invincible. Per order.

M. M. SARGENT, Sec.

Flourishing Success.

Our great mark-down sale is a complete success, and we can't help it if some of our neighbors are worried about it. We still continue to sell good English cashmeres at 11 cts. Our blankets at $3.99 are superior to anything in this market at from $4.25 to $5.50 a pair We have a line of kid gloves at 10cts a pair. In fact we sell goods cheap over all of our counters, and that's how we got the lead, which we are bound to keep.

5d&w1t POPULAR NEW YORK STORE.

Your Choice.

Wells is making pictures cheaper than any other artist in Decatur. Any style you want only $1.00 per dozen—light back grounds, too. 8x10 pictures only one dollar. Dec 10-d1w w1m

SEE the "Common Sense," Shoes, at J. W Baker's. Nov27 d1f

Shakespeare Revived.

To ache or not to ache that's the question. This cheerful conundrum, ye rheumatic sufferers, is by no means as difficult as a proposition in Euclid, Try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil and you will find it just as easy not to ache as to ache.

For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. jan4

Felt Skirts.

A very handsome and complete line, at about *cost price*. See them.

4-d&w1w CHEAP STORE, Big 18.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Bloomington *Pantagraph*: Captain Reibsame gave each of his employes a Christmas present of a check, ranging from $10 to $25.

Will Myers, the artistic sign and house painter, received his Christmas gift the other day. It's a boy.

Mrs. A. W. Conklin is a temporary cripple, and has to use a crutch. She stepped on a chunk of coal in her room some days ago and sprained her right ankle.

George D. Haworth, of this city, has obtained a patent for a check line reel for corn planters, and J. C. Dupee and Chas. P. Housum a patent for a calf-weaner—whatever that is.

Mr. Park T. Martin, editor of the Danville *Commercial* for seven years past, retired from that post on the 1st of January.

Rev. Mr. Potts, of Crestline, Ohio, gave us a pleasant call this morning. Mr. Potts is assisting in the extra religious services at the United Brethren Church this week.

Will Hubbard had but one ticket in the Young & Norman prize drawing, and yet he got a 5-dollar william. Others had anywhere from 10 to 150 tickets, and drew nothing.

Sheriff Foster to-day is moving his household effects into the residence part of the county jail, and Mrs. Foster is there getting things arranged properly. The rooms have been thoroughly renovated and are as clean and neat as those of the finest mansion in the city.

Mrs. John T. Montgomery, principal of the fourth ward school, has been quite ill for the past week. She is now improved health, and will probably resume her duties next Monday. Her place this week has been supplied by Sup't Gastman.

The many friends of Colonel H. W. Rowell, of this city, will be pleased to learn that last night he was nominated at Springfield in the Republican caucus, for second assistant clerk of the house of representatives which convened to-day at noon. He came within 8 votes of being nominated for head clerk, and within 3 votes of getting the first assistant's place. The Colonel will make a splendid clerk and do credit to himself and his party.

L A. Johnson, late of the dry goods house of Linn & Scruggs, where he has been a valued salesman for the past nine years, left Decatur on yesterday afternoon for New York city, where he will enter the employ of Morrison, Herriman & Co, wholesale dealers in all kinds of white goods. Mr. Johnson will travel through the western states in the interest of the Gotham firm, and will make his headquarters in this city. "Aus's" many friends here wish him every possible success in his new and more lucrative enterprise

MRS. J. B. WILSON, Tiffin, Ohio, says: I have worn an Improved Excelsior Kidney Pad, and received more relief than from all remedies I have ever tried. I cheerfully recommend it to all sufferers. —See advertisement. jan6-d&w1w.

Our Platform

Is Fair, Square and Honorable Dealings, Protection to our Patrons, Eternal Warfare against Monopoly and High Prices.

CHEAP CHARLEY.
One Price, Square Dealing Clothier.

Lost.

On the Bloomington road, north of Decatur, Friday, Dec. 31, a seal skin boa. Any one finding said furs will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at this office. jan1-d2t w1*

MARRIED.

In this city, on Monday, Jan. 3, 1881, by Justice James L. Peake, MR. GEORGE JIMISON and MRS. ELIZABETH MULINIX, both of Friends Creek township, this county.

In this city, same date, by Justice Peake, MR. LORENZO B. HOBBS and MISS MARGARET ALSUP, both of Maroa, Ill.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Whitmore township, Dec. 30th., by C. H. Garver, J. P, MR. WILLIAM F. TURNER, of Decatur, and MISS MATILDA J. BARNETT, daughter of John Barnett, Sr.

DIED.

In this city, at 2 o'clock on Sunday, Jan. 2, 1881, of lung fever, LILLIE AUGUSTA, aged 9 months, 2 weeks and 3 days, daughter of Geo. W. and Emma L. Young.

THE MARKETS.

Following were the noon closing quotations at McWhorter & Rollins "board of trade" room to-day:

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Wheat—96¾c Jan.; 97⅝c Feb.; 98¾c March. Corn—36¾c Jan.; 37⅛ Feb; 41⅜c May. Oats—30¼c Jan.; 30¼c Feb.; 35⅛c May.

TOLEDO, Jan. 5.—Wheat—$1.02⅝ Jan; $1.10¼ May. Corn—44c cash.

No More Nauseous Drugs.

For nauseous drugs no use there soon will be,
For salts, magnesia, senna no pretence,
Dispensing chemists, all men will agree,
To view as things with which they may dispense
But when dyspepsia assails, then's time to try,
Spring Blossom's virtue as a remedy.
Prices, 50 cts.; trial bottles, 10c. jan4

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THE population of Illinois, as nearly accurate as it is possible to get the figures at this time, aggregates 3,080,524

A SAN FRANCISCO dispatch yesterday says: "By an error which has been discovered in counting the vote cast for Coffey and Edmunds in this city, it is probable that California may yet be counted for Garfield."

THE United States Supreme Court has decided that an individual shareholder in an insolvent national bank is liable only for his proportionate share of the bank's liabilities, based on the amount of stock held by him at the time the bank became insolvent.

MATTOON is preparing a law to vote directly upon the question of license or no license at the annual city election. This will give the people a chance to get the best men, and at the same time to settle the license question according to the popular wish.

ACCORDING to the Boston *Traveler*, an eminent Massachusetts statesman writes to a friend in that city from Washington, and says: "The impression prevails in the best informed circles here that either Senator Blaine or Senator Hoar will be offered New England's place in the Cabinet."

THE State Superintendent of schools of Florida say that 53 per cent. of the voters of that State cannot read their ballots. There seems to be need of the law, to promote education, that has lately passed the United States Senate which gives the proceeds of the sale of public lands to the different States in the proportion of their ignorant population.

THE Sweet Singer of Michigan has been heard from at Mentor in the following terms:

O mighty Garfield, thou dost fliest,
The seat which for thee people willest,
Thy fame resounds through all the land,
In palace great and peanut-stand.

THE Bureau of Statistics has furnished a statement which shows that the exports of provisions from the United States have increased beyond all precedent during the past year. For eleven months of 1880 their value was $128,110,921, as compared with $99,190,038 for the corresponding period of 1879. The increase during the month of November, 1880, over November, 1879, was more than $3,000 000.

WALTER H. SHUPE, the editor and publisher of the "National Advocate," a Greenback organ in New York city, which, after obtaining a vast circulation by 25 cent annual subscriptions, suddenly collapsed a year or two ago, has just received his discharge in bankruptcy. There were over 100 judgments against him, but no assets whatever Poor old Peter Cooper was one of Shupe's victims. He will hereafter beware of journalistic adventurers who publish newspapers so cheaply that they can't possibly pay expenses.

A NUMBER of prominent gentlemen visited General Garfield at Mentor, O., Wednesday. Among them were Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania; Hon. John C. New, of Indianapolis; Congressman Amos Townsend, of Cleveland, and William McKinley, Jr. It is believed that the conference has some unusual significance, and it is reported that General Garfield is about to invite to his house a party of Republicans from the several states to consult in reference to the appointments and policy of the new Administration.

THEY are burning corn for fuel in Iowa. A farmer, writing to a paper in that State, states that two bushels of it a day will keep a comfortable fire for any family; and when wood is $6 to $8 a cord, as it is where he lives, and coal can't be had at all, it is splendid fuel, and cheap, with corn at only fifteen cents a bushel, which is the price in this market in northern Iowa. Any farmer can raise a year's fuel, and of the best kind, by devoting two acres to corn.

IF there is any type of person about Washington to whom Senator Edmunds is obnoxious, it is the professional lobbyist. When the lobby agent has a scheme on foot he would much rather the devil were in the way than Mr. Edmunds. "Don't you know," said an experienced lobbyist, "that when that old cuss comes in the Senate and sits down and lets his right eyebrow drop down about three-quarters of an inch lower than the left, hell is always to pay! He is the meanest old cuss about objecting to everything, anyway; especially anything with money in it; but when he hangs down his right eyebrow he will object to the Lord's Prayer."

From Saturday's Daily

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The REPUBLICAN has had the pleasure of extending "the compliments of the season" to its readers on each succeeding New Year's Day for fourteen years, but never under circumstances more generally auspicious than those which exist to-day. A prosperous country, general peace and contentment, freedom from pestilence,—these are among the good things which make this emphatically A "Happy" New Year. Let us, therefore, with becoming but not unseemly mirth welcome the advent of the New Year, and make merry over the joys that we fondly hope are in store for all of us, not forgetting to bestow a sympathetic thought upon those less favored ones over whose households hangs the black pall of death, and whose heart strings are breaking over the remembrance of sorrows yet too fresh to be forgotten.

WASHINGTON dispatches to the metropolitan papers say that much comment has been occasioned by the confident prediction that Senator Blaine is to be Secretary of the Treasury under President Garfield. The report that the secretaryship has been tendered Blaine has been received with favor, even by those who opposed the Senator for the Presidency. It is even said by Blaine's friends that he has accepted the position, and that Garfield will pursue a course that will harmonize and consolidate the Republican party, by placing himself in full accord with all of its prominent leaders. The opinion appears to be that he will do something for the leaders of the various divisions of the party—that is, the Grant men, the Logan men, the Blaine men, the Conkling men and others, and thus bring all these divisions to his full and cordial support.

IT costs to run our Government, including the payment of interest, $300,000,000 a year. It costs Germany $14,000,000 more than us; France, $167,000,000 more, Great Britain $106,000,000 more; Russia, $211,000,000 more; and our expenses, omitting war expenses, are almost precisely the same as Italy, or $267,000,000. The United States is, therefore, the most economically administered country in the world, and with the largest debt paying ability.

THE first volume of the official records of the late civil war which is being gotten up under the auspices of the war department has been published. It deals with the early movements for secession and the operations in Charleston harbor up to the fall of Sumter. The history of both sides is to be very fairly and fully set forth in these publications and the greatest efforts have been made to have everything absolutely free from error. This first volume is said to show that the Southern people had made no preparation for war, and were utterly surprised at the magnitude of the conflict they had evoked.

IT IS estimated that the Mormon temple, now in process of erection at Salt Lake City, will cost $27,000,000. When completed, if ever, it will be the most expensive building on the American continent, not excepting the capital at Washington. This does not look like that twin relic of barbarism polygamy, was in process of extinction.

THE papers which a short time ago were publishing sensational versions of the "bargain at Mentor" and in their own fertile imaginations delivering Garfield over bound hand and foot to the "Stalwarts," have now taken a new tack, having discovered that the President-elect is in league with Hayes and is using the latter as a cat's paw to fill for him all the New York offices with anti-Conkling men, so that the war upon the machine will be all fought and won for him when he reaches the White House. He is pictured then, with arms akimbo, smilingly greeting the Stalwarts who approach him with petitions for office: "Gentlemen, I can do nothing for you; there are no vacancies to fill." This will do to amuse the papers referred to for a week or so perhaps.

GEN. HALDERMAN, the United States consul to Siam, has refused consular protection to retail dealers in native liquors. His amended form of servants' certificates is not likely to be abused, as in the past, inasmuch as it is expressly stipulated that spirits and opium shall not be sold by any one holding such certificate. If all the foreign consuls would treat this matter in this way, it is thought that the Siamese government might be able to control this nefarious traffic, making it comparatively harmless to the morals, health, industry and wealth of the masses. Under such circumstances the government might be less anxious for new treaties with the western powers.

GEORGE RIGGS is the richest man in Washington, D. C. His father was the originator of the great banking firm in which George Peabody served his apprenticeship, and as a member of which W. W. Corcoran acquired his great fortune.

COL. MCCLURE, of the Philadelphia *Times*, lately called on the widow of ex-President Polk, in Nashville, and tells what he saw as follows:

Although the storms of fourscore years have fallen upon her, she is yet cheerful as a lass of 20, and her smile is as natural and as free as it could have been when it was lavished upon the generation that is now forgotten. The brown curls of her youth are yet faultlessly imitated on her finely-cast forehead, and her turban crown of black with the widow's silver lining gives her the appearance of a genial and well-preserved dame of 60 summers. Her step is firm; her eyes are scarcely dimmed by the long lapse of more than patriarchal years; and her memory is unabated. She does not tolerate in a conventional way the many trespassers upon her time, but she greets all with queenly dignity, and yet with that generous welcome that makes every visitor mark his visit as one of the fadeless memories of his life. She is glad to have the stranger even as her guest, and she talks of both the past and the present with a degree of interest, intelligence, and freedom from the common weaknesses of the age, which charm every class of listeners.

American Pearls.

With the exception of about $3,000 worth of pearls which came from fresh water mussels and are found all over the Union—principally in the Miami river, Ohio—the American pearls come from the Gulf of California. These are as fine as any Oriental pearls and are valued as highly. The fresh water pearls are almost as small, but brilliant and somewhat rosy in tint. About half of the California pearls are black, the proportion having diminished rapidly during the last ten years. The biggest pearl ever found in this country was the celebrated one found about twenty years ago in a New Jersey pond and sold to the then Empress Eugenie.

THE Cleveland *Plaindealer* repeats a characteristic story relating to Kate Chase Sprague, which her father used to be fond of telling.

On the occasion of a large party Mrs. Sprague sent for her coachman, and told him what duties she expected of him,—either to open the door or assist in the cloak-room. The coachman demurred, and impudently answered that he was hired to drive the horses, and not help in the house. "Very well," said my Lady Katherine, "have my carriage at the door at eight o'clock." At 8 o'clock the carriage drove up. "Blanket the horses and wait until I send further word," was sent out to the liveried magnifico on the box. From 8 of a chill winter evening until 2 of a colder morning, coachee sat with stiffening arms on his box, and, when the last guest had gone, his orders came to drive to the stable. A madder man never held a rein than the darkey on the box; but a meeker one never begged the Madam to retain him, and he expiated his offense by the most perfect obedience forever after.

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Sept 17-d&wtf ASHBY & ANDRESS'.

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THE Argand is the prettiest stove in the market. Call and see if it is not so, at Ashby & Andress'

Sept. 17-d&wtf

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d&wtf BARBER & BAKER

CHRISTMAS CARDS at Stookey & Co's.

Dec 9—d&wtf

FLANNEL-LINED Shoes and Slippers, at J. W. Baker's. Nov27dtf

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Nov 19-d&wtf

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Nov 19-d&wtf

A BEAUTIFUL assortment of jewelry in the different lines—the very thing for Christmas presents—just received at J. L Knieper's, No. 30 Merchant street

Dec. 20—d&wtf

BEAUTIFUL Ribbons, at Linn & Scruggs'

Dec 13-d&wtf

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Dec 13-d&wtf

"Better Late Than Never."

EDS. REPUBLICAN: The quiet little town of Austin has had a sensation. A little while before Christmas it entered the wise little heads of a pair of our school ma'm's to make an effort to wake up at least some of the "dead natives," by preparing to have a Christmas tree at the U. B. Church on Christmas Eve. As there had never been anything of the kind here the proposition was received with universal favor by old and young—the "old boys" became young again and suffered themselves to be bled for funds, until enough was raised to make it a success (for the "old boys" remembered how they were sweet on school ma'm's when they were young and they were not hard to bleed.) The first thing to be done of course was to choose a "committee," and of course the school ma'm's were on the committee and empowered to go to your city and spend all the money they pleased for goodies, dolls and "things," and, gents, if you had been there to see you would have said that they knew their "biz" and did it well.

The arrangements were all completed in good time so when the crowd came, for crowd it was, there was no delay. A beautiful Christmas tree, tastefully arranged, met the eyes of the little ones, and some of the old, for the first time. To say the little ones were delighted would be putting it very mild. Everything was promptly on time. The services were opened at seven with prayer by Rev. Sam Ritchie, of Warrensburg. Then an opening address by the same, in which he referred to a class of pious grumblers who see in all merry-making additional evidence of total depravity, which, so far as this locality is concerned, was uncalled for, for when one of that kind of cattle comes here, we see at once that nature has made a sad mistake, and we take it upon ourselves to correct it by braining him with a feather duster.

Next was a recitation by Austin's coming orator, Master Ray Peverly, then a song by the two Misses Peverly and Miss Maud Tickner, then the recitation of the poem entitled 'Annie and Willie's Prayer,' by Mrs. Ritchie, which, to be appreciated, must be heard. As an evidence that it was appreciated, it is only necessary to say that the house, which was full almost to suffocation, was, during its rendition, as still as the chamber of death. The services were interspersed with songs by Mrs. Ritchie, Misses Mattie and Belle Stuart, of Whitmore, Miss Conie Gilman, of Austin; and Misses Lucas and Minnie Munson, of Warrensburg; Mrs Ritchie presided at the organ

Then came the distribution of presents which were mostly for the children, among whom were J. W. Emery, (Uncle Joe) who received two tin trumpets, and J. P. Moody one diminutive doll, (not entirely bleached) and one jumping jack, but there were some very pretty and valuable presents from parents to children, or, what is more probable, from loony lovers to their sweethearts

The best of order and good feeling prevailed throughout, and it was voted a grand success—to be repeated in '81.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Austin, Ill., Dec. 27, 1880.

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If you live in a malarial district, use Frazier's Bitters.

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If you have kept late hours and lived contrary to the laws of health, use Frazier's Root Bitters.

If you need toning up, take Frazier's Root Bitters.

If you have abused instead of used nature's gifts, use Frazier's Bitters.

If you feel old before your time, use Frazier's Bitters.

If life has become a burden and you have gloomy forebodings, use Frazier's Bitters.

If your hands tremble and your eyes have grown dim, Frazier's Root Bitters will make you feel young again. Sold by all druggists everywhere at the low price $1 00 per bottle.

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Dec. 29, 1880—d&w1mo CLEVELAND, O.

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New Millinery and Notions at Bear & Einstein's. We have this day received a beautiful line of Millinery and Notions—the finest ever shown in Decatur,—in which we offer special bargains from date until the holidays, in order to give everybody a chance to buy. Remember, our entire stock is new and of the very latest styles. We have no old goods to sell. Our stock embraces a handsome line of trimmed bonnets and hats, for ladies and children, ranging in price from 50 cents to $15; also a full line of notions and ladies' furnishing goods. Please call, examine our stock and learn our prices, and we will convince you that we offer bargains.

Dec. 1-d&wtf BEAR & EINSTEIN.

LADIES' FINE SHOES at J. W. Baker's

Nov. 27—dtf

Change of Residence.

Peter Peri, the undertaker, has removed his residence from West Wood street to the building two doors south of May's grocery store, on South Main street. Calls by night or day will receive prompt attention. Mr. Peri has recently purchased this property, and will improve it for his permanent home.

Dec 7-d&wtf

AN elegant assortment of *Swiss Carved Goods*, suitable for wooden weddings and other occasions, at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s.

Nov. 19-d&wtf

NICKEL-plated 7-Shooters at $1.00, and other goods in proportion, at the new gun store, two doors east of postoffice.

Oct. 28—d&w3m

THE celebrated Baker breech-loading shot gun; also a new line of muzzle loaders and ammunition for sale at bottom prices at KORNMEYER & O'NEILL'S, two doors east of postoffice.

Oct. 28—d&w3m

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We should like very much to have the opportunity to show you through our line and GIVE YOU PRICES. We have always made it a point to have all our advertisements STRICTLY TRUE, and when we allude to our stock being so far in excess of all others here, and our prices lower, we do so knowing that an inspection on your part will convince you of the facts. Very respectfully,

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of William B. Glazebrook, dec'd, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be holden at the court house, in the city of Decatur, on the 2nd Monday of February, A. D. 1881, being the 1st day of said term.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 29, A. D. 1880.

JAMES DURNING, Administrator.

Dec. 30—w3w

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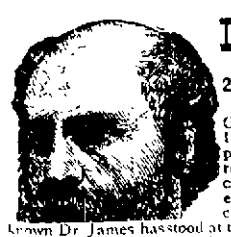

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NERVINE PILLS. After forty years' practice I am satisfied nine-tenths of the troubles and trials in families has grown out of a latent sexual feeling on the part of ladies and gentlemen. Thousands, without knowing the real cause, have made life a weary waste for the want of proper means to make it bright and happy. NERVINE PILLS, compounded of roots and herbs, will make the weak and debilitated strong. That which you have lost, or never had, will come to make home happy. Life is too short to waste away in a dull, torpid home when a $1 box will please you and it will cure you for five dollars. Sent by mail, sealed, on receipt of price. Leucorrhœa or whites positively cured. Send stamp for Electric Ring, gents only.

THE COLD WINTER OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

The winter of 1779–80 (says the Albany *Argus*) began as the present one did, and before the slight moderation in the atmosphere, Sunday, many of the older residents, whose fathers and mothers had told them many tales of that winter, were speculating as to whether the present one would resemble it in other respects. In 1779–80 the cold set in about the middle of November, and continued until the middle of February. During that long period there was not enough warmth in the sun's rays to melt the snow on the ground, nor to affect in the fetters of ice that bound the creeks, ponds and rivers. One snow storm followed another until finally the ground was so covered that it was difficult to get from place to place, and the ice upon the rivers at all convenient points was used by men and teams and animals in place of roads. The cold winds were so piercing that wild turkeys were found frozen to death in the forests and domestic fowls fell frozen from their roost. The deer and buffalo sought shelter from the blasts around the cabins of the settlers, and all kinds of wild animals perished in the forests for want of food, which was buried beneath the snow. The fierce wolf and panther, which usually skulked about the boundaries of the settlements only by night, now came near in broad daylight in search of the bones and offal thrown from the cabins of the settlers. No rain fell, and the pioneers were compelled to obtain water for drinking, cooking, etc., by melting ice and snow. The northern and western rivers were tightly bound by frost, and even as far south as Nashville, the Cumberland was frozen over with ice thick enough for the safe passage of emigrant trains. The Delaware, at Philadelphia, had ice three feet in thickness, and Chesapeake Bay and Long Island Sound were frozen over. Another similarity between the present winter and that of 1779–80, was the mild autumn weather that preceded it. When the cold began, in November, 1779, the leaves had hardly fallen from the forest trees, and many of the trees and shrubs were putting forth new growth. The same condition of things were witnessed last Fall. The winters of 1783, 1784, 1785, 1788, 1792, 1796 and 1799 are all reported as having been very severe. It is stated in "Hildreth's Pioneer History," that on the 26th of December, 1788, the Delaware and Ohio rivers were both frozen over and navigation was suspended upon them until the 18th of the following March. In 1792, when soldiers were sent to the disastrous battle-field of General St. Clair to bury the dead, they encamped where Cincinnati now stands, January 13. The snow was reported two feet deep upon the ground, and the Ohio was so strongly frozen that soldiers rode their horses across from Kentucky on the ice. The 7th of February, 1807, was known for years as cold Friday, and was the ground work for many a grandfather's tale. On the evening of the 6th the weather was mild and rain began to fall as night set in. In a few hours the rain changed to snow, which fell to the depth of six inches, after which a hurricane began to sweep over the land. It grew colder and colder as the night progressed, and the next morning the trees in the forests were cracking like the reports of guns, and everything was bound in fetters of ice. There was no thermometer to register the cold, but the day comes down in history and tradition as cold Friday.

THOMAS ALLEN is a careful man. When Jay Gould bought Mr. A's railroad, he produced his check-book and filled out a check for the full amount—something more than $2,000,000—which he handed to Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen took the check, carefully examined it, and said: "This is a large amount to have in one bank. Is there this much to your credit there Mr. Gould?" "Oh," said Mr. Gould, "perhaps you would like to have it certified?" "Well, yes," said Mr. Allen, "I think I would." Mr. Gould sent his confidential clerk to the bank, and the check was brought back in a few moments duly certified. "Thanks," said Mr. Allen, as he folded up the check, put it in his pocket book, and walked out of Mr. Gould's office.

Curious Features of 1881.

Ithaca, N. Y., Journal.

The year 1881 will be a mathematical curiosity. From right to left and from left to right it reads the same. Eighteen divided by 2 gives 9 as a quotient; 81 divided by 9 gives 9; if divided by 9 the quotient contains a 9; if multiplied by 9 the product contains two 9s; 1 and 8 are 9, 8 and 1 are 9. If the 18 be placed under the 81 and added the sum is 99. If the figures be added thus: 1, 8, 8, 1, it will give 18. Reading from left to right it is 18, and 18 is two-ninths of 81. By adding, dividing and multiplying, 19 9s are produced, being one 9 for each year required to complete the century.

BLAINE has the literary spirit more than anybody in public life. His friends believe he will be Secretary of State, though they have some difficulty in making him appreciate the place. He would make a remarkably popular Secretary, and his freedom from all vindictiveness, haughtiness, and offensiveness, and his fine sociability would greatly popularize this country in European court circles.—(Gath.

GOLD and Silver Fringes, Spangles, Gimp, Lace, Stars, Tassels, Braids and Buttons, at LINN & SCRUGGS'. Dec. 20—d&wtf

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.

The following are the strongest reasons in favor of a savings department of our government postal service:

1. It would encourage economy and habits of thrift among the laboring classes, by the certain protection that would be afforded thereby to their surplus earnings, which, for the want of a reliable cache, are now intrusted to insecure private banks or investments, or are secreted beneath floors, in chimneys, crevices, under stumps in the fields and forests, or in other equally unsafe hiding places, or, worse still, are wasted in extravagance and dissipation.

2. It would accommodate all classes in the many sections where no banks exist, and in all sections of cross deposits and withdrawals, which enables the depositor to make use of any postoffice depository in the country, would commend it to public favor.

3. It would tend to force from weird hiding places, and to add to the circulation of the country, many millions of dollars now worse than idle, especially in the South and Southwest, where few banks exist.

4. It would promote loyalty and patriotism. Each depositor would have a direct and substantial interest in the stability and prosperity of the government intrusted with the safe keeping and safe return of his treasure.

5. It would protect a class unable to protect itself—the toiling millions—against swindlers and robbers, fire and flood, unsafe investments and unsound banks, against improvidence, recklessness and dissipation.

6. It would strengthen the finances of the nation by giving it a first lein upon the accumulated proceeds of the industries of its own citizens.

7. It would go far toward securing the best possible services in postoffices in the persons of postmasters and clerks, whose ability to give bonds for the correct and faithful discharge of their duties would, with few exceptions, depend upon their integrity, intelligence, and standing in community.

8. It would, by absorbing a large portion of the national debt, keep at home and in circulation a large amount of money now sent abroad to pay interest on securities held by the foreign creditors of the government.

9. It would be a bulwark of defense against panics and financial crises. Runs would not be made upon postoffice banks, nor would their doors or their coffers ever be closed against a depositor's draft so long as a dollar remained to his credit on his pass-book. Their funds would constitute a reserve upon which the masses could implicitly rely in times of financial disaster and business depression.

Shipping Fresh Meats.

At last refrigerators for the preservation of food and meat are about to be introduced generally in England. It is a "Yankee notion," and probably will meet with little favor at first. In a former letter was mentioned the fact that there were no refrigerators in use among market men or butchers, and when the meat became tainted or unfit for food, a large portion of it found its way to London where it underwent some process that got rid of the offensive odor, boiled and sold to the door at very low prices. Butchers and meat dealers contended that the loss in this climate was small and that it was cheaper to dispose of the tainted meat at a low figure than erect a refrigerator. The Nelsons, of Liverpool, the well-known cattle salesmen, at one time proposed to erect suitable buildings at Birkenhead for storing dressed beef, but it was looked upon as an infringement on the trade, and the enterprise was abandoned. In the recent report of the Special Commissioners of Agriculture, they say: "The exporters complain most bitterly of the manner in which their meat is handled in England. The moment it leaves the chilled room of the ship, no further care is taken of it; the quarters of beef are placed in barges or carts, as the case may be, piled one on the top of the other, and delivered to the railway, where they are placed in common trucks, and transmitted in a like careless manner to London or other great towns. Arrived at their destination, there are no cool stores to which they can be consigned, consequently all the meat must be sold, however overstocked and depreciated the market may be. And the treatment the meat has received in its transmit from the port is such, that in hot weather, if it is not already injured, it must be immediately consumed. Several exporters said that if they could insure their dead meat the same treatment here that it received in America, they could afford to take reduced prices, and yet make more profit. There appears to be little or no loss of dead meat in America. Now that it is said that compressed air is equal to ice, there seems no reason why the American should possess this exclusive privilege of preserving all his perishable commodities."

WILLIAM E. CHANDLER says: "If General Garfield were to invite Mr. Blaine to accept a place in his Cabinet, and my advice were asked, I would advise Mr. Blaine to accept it. Such an opportunity would undoubtedly, be generally acceptable, and would add great strength to the new administration. I think General Garfield would form a strong Cabinet, but I do not believe he has yet made up his mind definitely as to any particular man for any particular place in it."

ABOUT ADVERTISING.

The "Oak Hall" Man of Boston and His Bold Methods.

From the Boston Commonwealth.

Speaking of newspapers leads me to say that the extended advertisement as we know it originated with George W. Simmons, after he started his "Oak Hall," and it is now fully forty years since it appeared. That enterprising and "original" merchant wrote a lengthy story of his establishment's wares and sent it to the *Post* with directions that it should make a column in length. The announcement was a revelation in the counting room. No such enormous advertisement was ever heard of in that office. Mr. Beals wiped his spectacles and looked at the order a second time. He sent Mr. Slack, the quarter of a century collector of that office, down to Ann street to see if a mistake had not been made. "No," said Mr. Simmons; "that is what I want—a column of space. Put it in just as marked, and come down for your money." It was accordingly done as directed, and there was a sensation. When Mr. Beals handled the first check in payment he was about as much astonished at the case with which it was drawn as he was when the advertisement came in. Everybody talked of the rashness of the proprietor of "Oak Hall." The street was full of clothing stores, from Union street to Centre street. The crowd began to assemble at "Oak Hall," and often, by 10 o'clock, the store would be so full that Mr. Simmons had to lock the outside door from inability to let in any more. The crowd loitered on the sidewalk, and made even more commotion for that usually quiet neighborhood. Simmons' neighbors in the trade held, at one of their stores, a meeting, over which Nat Gale, now of Chelsea, presided, to see what they would do about this extraordinary state of things. They concluded that they couldn't do anything if Simmons kept on in the way he began, except to wait and see him "burst up" before long. The longer Mr. Simmons kept doing it, the longer was postponed his explosion. The fact was, he made an immense trade and reaped a profit correspondingly.

PUNCH.

Punch's travesty of Disraeli's novel is entitled "Ben D'Ymion. Here is a specimen sheet.

Semolina was the empress of London, of fashion, and of the Tory party. She was always at home to her intimates, and she did not get much exercise; at this moment she was reclining on a brilliant sofa, a majestic footstool at her feet, supported by romantic cushions.

In a low chair just in front of her, with bib and pinafore on, and catching up every word that fell from her lips, sat a Great Personage. A couple of bishops and a Cabinet minister were playing at a cat's cradle in an alcove; while more remote, some dames of high degree were surrounded by cavaliers of ancient lineage, whose every word was a *bon mot*, and every movement a whole volume of society etiquette. Servants glided about in muffled skates over the shining parquet, distributing sherry cobblers and gin-cocktails to the visitors, while at half-minute intervals mysterious and noble looking strangers appeared at the door, flew to Semolina's outstretched palm, imprinted an impassioned kiss on her jeweled finger, and then suddenly vanished into air!

"What I want you to see," said Semolina, "only you are so incurably obtuse, is that reaction is the law of life, that you can't get on without the Temple and the Bar, that the introduction of Gas will be fatal to the Crown, that Public Opinion is all humbug, that changes are likely to happen unless things go on as they are, and that on the Eve of change Adamantine Fortitude is imperatively demanded. I hope you clearly follow me?"

But the Great Personage had fallen fast asleep, and was snoring. Semolina was disgusted.

"The age of Liberalism has come!" she exclaimed, and kicking the low chair from under the Great Personage, bounced out of the apartment, and slammed the portal behind her.

THERE is small choice between that or nothing in the way North Carolina "scales" bonds. A New York gentleman relates that he sent a bond for $1,000 with 12 years at 6 per cent, to Raleigh to be scaled. The total sum due, principal and interest, was $1,720. He received back a 4-per-cent bond for $150. The last bond can be sold only at 20 per cent discount.

CLINTON, Ill., Dec. 30.—Florence Andrews, a 9-year-old daughter of Mr. Ash Andrews of this place, met with a most horrible death to-day. About 4 o'clock last night she was warming near the fire of a neighbor, when her clothes ignited, and almost instantly she was enveloped in flames, from which she died to-day.

A Hog Horror.

For some time past the hog cholera has been quite severe in Geneseo, Ill.,—almost reaching an epidemic in some localities. Many farmers have lost heavily, but have borne their loss and kept their hogs at home, selling the dead ones to the soap factories; but others, who care neither for God, devil, nor man, or who eats the diseased meat, as soon as the trouble broke out, shipped their hogs to Chicago, there to be slaughtered and packed, the hams cured, and the lard put up and sent back for home consumption.—*Peoria Journal.*

CHAMOIS-LINED SHOES at J. W. Baker's. Nov. 27-dtf

PUBLIC OPINION.

Secretary Evarts: The peasant of Ireland or Germany, carrying a soldier on his back, cannot compete with the American peasant, who has no soldier to carry.

Meridian (Miss.) Mercury (Fire-Eater.

Prosecutions are vain and futile. Southern men will always take the risk to teach the voting negro that this is a white man's country and the white men will rule it.

Quincy (Ill.) Whig (Rep.)

Practically, Springfield already enjoys all the advantages to be derived from being the Capital city; and so long as the State House remains unfinished it will be the State and not Springfield that will suffer for whatever disadvantage may ensue. Possibly it may not be best to complete the Capitol at present, although as a matter of economy it ought no doubt to be finished before a great while; but so long as its completion is delayed let the delay be based upon reasonable grounds, and not upon a silly desire of the Commonwealth to spite itself in order to be avenged upon three or four Springfield citizens whose consciences happen to be regulated by law.

Gath: At the New England dinner last night, while Grant was speaking, somebody called out, "Three cheers for Grant, the next President!" and two-thirds of the people at the table got up and waved their napkins.

Knoxville (Tenn.) Chronicle (Rep.)

We believe Mr. Maynard is the choice of a large majority of Tennessee Republicans, that he can be elected, and that his election will do the State more good than the election of any other man.

Boston Transcript.

"My wife lost her her pocket-book with $15 it it to-day," said a sad-looking man. "When; going down-town or coming home?" asked somebody. "When? Didn't I tell you she had some money in it?" demanded the sad-looking man, "and everybody knew when she lost it."

Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem).

Were the people of this State alive to the disgrace of a somewhat deficient public-school system and a large population of illiterates there would be no district without a good school-house and a competent teacher employed for seven months during the year at a good salary, and the State school tax would be cheerfully and largely supplemented by liberal local voluntary taxation for local school purposes. Were the proper public spirit awakened in educational matters there would be no difference in the per capita of white and colored pupil children, but both would receive the same, and no one would attempt the difficult task of proving that there should be 77 per cent difference between them. With a proper appreciation of the value of common-school education, the fact that there are 478,597 white children and 66,564 children in the State, making an aggregate of 545,161 children of pupil age, half of whom only attend school—such a fact would be recognized as most deplorable and injurious to the good name of Kentucky.

Telephone Possibilities.

Cincinnati *Commercial*: "The Cincinnati directors of the People's Telephone Company have just learned that their electricians have succeeded in solving a most difficult question. By a new invention a circuit automatic repeating system for the transmission of messages to any distance has been provided. By its means, as ascertained by experiments carried on in New York and Philadelphia, the vibrations of the articulate human voice can be conveyed from New York to San Francisco with the same ease with which they are now conveyed from one part of Cincinnati to another. The proper means have been taken to secure the legitimate results of this new attempt to annihilate distance, and for practical purposes to outstrip the telegraph."

Garfield as a Stock Breeder.

Gen. Garfield has on his farm, near Cleveland, some of the finest stock in Ohio. Among the lot is a handsome young Alderney bull, named "Revolution" which was a present from Abr Hewitt. Gen. Garfield also owns 26 cows (Alderney and Durham), 18 Cotswold sheep, a dozen swine of the Berkshire and Poland China breeds, and five beautiful horses. The General is a practical farmer.

AN examination of the nativity of Southern Congressmen shows that many of them were not born in the State from which they were elected. But these are Democrats, and Democrats are never called "carpet baggers." This term is only applied to Republicans who have the audacity to move from a Northern to a Southern State. Only three out of the ten of the Alabama Congressional delegation were born in that State. None of the Arkansas delegation are natives of the State. But one out of four of the Florida delegation, one out of eight of the Louisiana delegation, three out of nine of the Mississippi delegation, seven out of fifteen of the Missouri delegation, and none of the Texas delegates were born in the State which they represent. But these are all Democrats, and consequently not "carpet-baggers." If they were Republicans, the case would be different. Postmaster-General Horace Maynard, although a resident of Tennessee for over thirty years, has been called a "carpet-bagger" ever since 1865. But then he was a native of New England, a loyal man and a true Republican. That makes the difference.

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A CONSULTATION of Bourbons will be held in Springfield on the 7th inst.

THIRTY-FOUR deaths from diphtheria were recorded in Chicago last week.

THE cold extended to Florida, and a severe frost did great damage to the orange crop

AUGUSTA, Ga., had a snow on the ground for the whole week—the first time in twenty years.

IT is believed in Washington that Hon. John R. Lynch, the Republican Congressman-elect from the "shoe-string" district of Mississippi, will be seated in the place of General Chalmers. As he undoubtedly got more votes than Chalmers, he should get the seat.

HENRY S. OLIVER, of Western Pennsylvania, is said to have the inside track on the Pennsylvania Senatorship. The Legislature of that State will meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock. The election of Senator will take place on the 18th instant.

SHORTLY after 8 o'clock yesterday morning a tenement house on Madison street, New York, caught fire from gasoline, which was being used by plumbers to thaw out frozen gas pipes. The fire spread rapidly, and the inhabitants of the crowded building sought to escape by jumping from the windows, but nine persons—two men, three girls and four boys—were swallowed up in the flames. Several others were injured.

THE Legislature which met at noon to-day is the Thirty-second General Assembly of Illinois. The Senate has 32 Republicans, 18 Democrats and 1 Socialist. The House of Representatives has 82 Republicans and 71 Democrats. The two houses will meet in joint session on Thursday to canvass the votes of the November election for State officers, who will be formally inaugurated in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives next Monday.

AN abstract of the business of Chicago during the year 1880, given by the *Tribune*, shows an increase of 17 per cent. The receipts of breadstuffs amount to 163,326,267 bushels against 138,000,000 last year, of hogs, to 7,059,194, of which 5,700,000 were slaughtered there, of cattle, 1,382,397 head. The total value of the live stock handled was $139,000,000. The produce trade amounted to $312,000,000, and the wholesale business to $364,000,000. The manufactures foot up $285,000,000; the clearing-house transactions $1,750,000,000.

WHEN Senator Edmunds speaks he usually begins by putting the knuckles of his right hand down upon the desk in a manner which seems to say that he not only clinched the argument but that he has done all his hammering beforehand.

THE San Francisco *Alta* has been making a computation of what "Kearneyism" has cost California There has been a decrease of $33,000,000 in banking capital; the improvements of property have been checked, the number of depositors in the savings banks has fallen off; the loans of the banks have been less this year than the repayments by borrowers there is no new railroad building in the State, and the home capitalists are transferring their business to New York. California is the only State that is not sharing in the general prosperity of the country.

The Next Speaker.

Gen. H. H Thomas has been chosen to preside over the House during its session as Speaker. This is the first time the Speakership has ever gone to Cook county, and it is said to also be the first instance in which a candidate for Speaker has been nominated unanimously. Under these circumstances, Gen. Thomas and his friends have every reason to feel proud of his success.

He was born in Vermont and is now 46 years of age. He was educated at Middlebury College in Vermont, and was admitted to the bar in that State. In the fall of 1859 he came to Chicago to practice, and entered the army in 1861 as Assistant Adjutant General of the army of Ohio, serving in that position until the close of the war. He was then appointed on the staff of Governor Brownlow, of Tennessee, as Quarter-master General and Private Secretary to the Governor, occupying the position for two and a half years. General Thomas returned to Chicago in December, 1867, and resumed practice. He served as a member of the Thirty-first General Assembly, and was returned with a 5,000 increased majority. Members will do well to be perfectly satisfied with the committees assigned them by Gen. Thomas, as his fighting weight is 35 pounds.—*Springfield Journal.*

VIRTUES OF THE JEWS.

Henry Ward Beecher on Dec. 26th ult, spoke the following truthful words about the Jews, while denouncing their persecution by the German authorities:

"We are indebted to the Jews more than all other people put together. To them we owe the earliest form of a commonwealth, established by Moses; we owe the rights of foreigners in a strange land, and the doctrines of the Old Testament, as established by the great lawgiver. We are indebted to this people more than any other for a household; for an education of children; for the first rights of citizenship. We are indebted to them for the highest conception of womanhood. Barbaric ideas of women will everywhere lead to barbarism, and ideas of women, if exalted and refined, brings exaltation and refinement of every people. And here stands the high Jewish people on the subject of womanhood. Then was women permitted to be legislator, judge, prophet, orator, poet, or whatever God inspired her to be. And at a time when women lived in Greece in profound ignorance, in Palestine she was found leading the nation in every path of excellence. We are indebted to the Jews for laws for the Christian world. The Old Testament, with its wealth of wisdom, is our beacon. They lived it, wrote it, and handed it down to us. The New Testament is Jewish. When it pleased God to give His Son unto us it was a Jewish maiden who was chosen for his mother. Our Lord was a Jew, St. John was a Jew. The apostle whose zeal carried his spiritual life unto all the world was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. Whatever we have of authoritative Christian gain we derive from them.

"At the hand of Christendom they have a long, relentless persecution, a persecution without a parallel. Nowhere else has such monstrous cruelty, such shameless injustice, been raised as upon them. The whole race of Israelites seems almost to have been typified in the fable of the Wandering Jew. They have not been conspirators. No other people have been so little so. They have not been idle drudges. Nowhere else has there been a more industrious race and a more moral people. That which has been accounted virtuous among other men has been accounted vicious with them. They have not been corruptors of youth. For hundreds, for thousands of years they have proved themselves a thrifty industrious people, the pioneers of intelligence and civilization."

THE COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY.

A Remarkable Business Year.

The New York *Evening Express*, in its annual review of the past year's business of the country, and the port of New York, says: "Viewed from a business standpoint the year has been a remarkable one, probably the most remarkable in the history of the country. There has been a great revival in trade, and the volume of legitimate business during the year was beyond all precedent. This improved condition of affairs was the natural result of large crops, good export demands for our products, growth of the country, heavy influx of gold from Europe, and complete restoration of confidence growing out of the success of specie payments. One of the most gratifying features of 1880 has been the great falling off in the number of failures and the amount of habilities of suspended merchants. The growth of the country and the large additions to national wealth are strikingly illustrated in the products of the soil, of which we raised 475,000,000 bushels of wheat, 1,500,000,000 bushels of corn, 415,000,000 bushels of oats, 24,000,000 bushels of rye, 40,000,000 bushels of barley and 6,000,000 bales of cotton, to say nothing of tobacco, sugar and other crops, and hog and dairy products, which yield an immense sum of money in the aggregate. In plain words, the United States raises enough to feed her own 50,000,000 of people and to supply the deficiency of the balance of the civilized world.

"During the year more miles of railroad have been built, more consolidations and combinations entered into, more freight and passengers been transported, more money earned, and more interest and dividends paid than in any former year. The commerce of this country during the year has made rapid progress, and caused the United States to take still a higher rank, being now third among the commercial nations of the globe."

Conkling on Civil Service Reform

From a Recent Speech.

"I deny the right of the Government to follow an employe to his home or in his pursuits out of the hours of his employment and oversee his invention, or say what he should or should not do. The Government has no right to say what a man shall do with his own time, whether he shall or shall not attend religious or political meetings or exercise his rights as a citizen. I have heard of an executive order which attempts to regulate the private actions of Government employes. Such a supervision is in the nature of the boldest tyranny, whether exercised over political or social actions, or over the results of reflection and invention.'

Over the Hills to the Bone Yard.

Straight to the boneyard people go who neglect too long the danger signal of approaching consumption, a hacking cough. But with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil for a safe guard the peril is averted. It is a superlatively fine remedy also for rheumatism, piles, soreness, hurts, etc.

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Why Chinamen Never Naturalize.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The penal code of China contains a provision which is correctly translated as follows:

"All persons renouncing their country and allegiance or devising the means thereof shall be beheaded, and in the punishment of this offense no distinction shall be made between principals and accessories. The property of all such criminals shall be confiscated and their wives and children distributed as slaves to the great officers of State. * *

The parents, grand-parents, brothers and grand-children of such criminals, whether habitually living with them under the same roof or not, shall be perpetually banished to the distance of 2,600 leagues. All those who purposely conceal or connive at this crime shall be strangled. Those who inform against criminals of this class shall be rewarded with the whole of their property. * *

If the plan is contrived but not executed, the principals are to be strangled and the accessories punished with blows and banishment."

This provision, which has only lately become known, explains why John has no particular desire to naturalize, cut off his queue and become a real "Melican man.' The law-maker who devised it conferred a more incalculable blessing on California than any Caucasian in the State has ever done or ever will do. John may Christianize (four or five centuries hence), but he will be in no haste to naturalize while that section of the penal code remains unchanged.

A State With No Debt

The State of Illinois occupies an enviable position. Perhaps no other State in the Union can be said to be in so prosperous a condition financially. All the outstanding bonds of the State have been called in for redemption by the Governor, and holders have been notified that interest will cease on the 1st of January next. They amount all told to only about $250,000, and the money is in the treasury to pay them. When they are paid the State will be without debt

The healthy financial condition of Illinois suggests the fact that the State has uniformly elected Republican Governors during the past twenty-four years, and has had Republican Legislatures twenty years of that time. In 1855 Joel A. Matteson, the Democratic Governor of the State, reissued $130,000 of State canal scrip which had long before been paid off and retired. He appropriated the proceeds of the re-issued scrip to his own use. Don Morrison, in a public speech at Springfield afterward, charged the robbery upon the gallant Governor Bissel. But Matteson was proven the guilty party and made to disgorge, and Morrison has been dead in that State ever since his speech against Governor Bissell. Matteson's term of office expired with the year 1856, and the people of Illinois have never elected a Democratic Governor since, and they probably never will. Would it be "crowding the mourners" too much to suggest that the people of Missouri might be relieved of their State debt sooner, if they would copy the example of the Illinoisans in dealing with their delinquent State officers.—*Kansas City Journal.*

THE South Carolina Legislature has been doing some excellent work. One of its acts provides very stringent penalties for dueling, which will be effective if juries can be got to enforce them. Another exempts immigrants from taxation for three years after their arrival. Commenting on the former of these acts an exchange says:

We would recommend, however in addition to this, and as a supplement to it, the provision for a good pension for all persons maimed in "personal difficulties," and aid for their wives and children or aged and infirm parents in case of their death. If a community enjoys or tolerates savage fights on its streets and highways, it ought in common decency pay something for the fun. If it expects men on pain of disgrace to cut and shoot those who offend them, it ought to provide for the disabled and for the families of the fallen, just as it provides for the wounded and the families of the slain whom it forces into the army in time of war. In shooting and stabbing, South Carolina and Mississippi now stand in the same scale as Albania and Corsica. Montenegro and Sicily have, we believe, risen above them in self-restraint and respect for law. The Albanian, however, has the advantage in manliness, as he carries his weapons in a large belt on his stomach, in full view of everybody, so that anyone who does not care for discussion can keep out of his way. In South Carolina and Mississippi, on the other hand, one may any day get into a dispute with a gentleman who in dress and other externals has the air of a minister of the gospel, or a pale professor of Greek and mathematics, but has concealed in his pockets behind his back the full out-fit of a brigand and assassin of the worst type.

MAJOR THOMAS MCKEE, of Galesburg, Ill., the only survivor in that region, states that the famous snow of 1830 was four feet on a level, and for three weeks the mercury was never less than 15 degrees below zero.

WASHINGTON dispatches state that Secretary Evarts predicts that Senator Blaine will succeed him in the State Department. Mr. Evarts may not be a prophet or the son of a prophet, but the chances are that in this case his prophecy will prove correct.

THE MOREY LETTER.

A "Better Late Than Never" Public Acknowledgment From "Truth" that the Epistle Was a Fabrication

On yesterday (Jan. 4th) the New York *Star* commented as follows on the subjoined letters from the proprietors of the *Truth* to Gen. Garfield, and of Detective Jayne to Mr. Hart: "As previously published in the *Star*, it is now a clearly established fact that the over-zealous friends of Gen. Garfield in subjecting Kenward Philp to arrest and indictment on a charge of malicious libeling Gen. Garfield only placed themselves further away from the real culprit. Mr. B. G. Jayne, formerly a special Treasury agent, and an expert detective where presumable forgeries were involved, has devoted much time and labor toward unraveling the Garfield-Morey Chinese letter mystery, and he has ascertained not only that the published letter was a forgery, but in what particular office it was concocted, by whom, and the names of men who fostered and encouraged its distribution. Some time ago, when the proprietors of the *Truth* newspaper became convinced that the letter was a forgery, they wrote to Gen. Garfield, so declaring, at the same time desiring that the correspondence should be suppressed from the public until all the facts in the case could be secured. That mission having been successfully accomplished, the proprietors of *Truth* have written the following letter to Mr. Garfield, and one also from B. G. Jayne to James A. Garfield, President-elect.

SIR—After a searching investigation in which we spared neither time, energy nor expense, we have traced the Morey letter to its origin and ascertained that it is a forgery. This acknowledgment is due from the journal in which that letter first appeared. It is made voluntarily, and as an act of simple justice, for while we believed as we did, until within a few weeks past, that you were the author of the letter, no bribe could tempt nor threat intimidate us into making a contrary statement. But having ascertained our error, it is a gratification to us to give the same prominence to this acknowledgment that we gave to the forged letter itself, and thereby make all the amends in our power for the wrong of which *Truth* was the unconscious instrument. Upon the instant that our investigations convinced us that the letter was spurious, we privately informed you of our conclusion. At that time we were advised that the ends of justice might be impeded by a public avowal such as we now make, but as will appear by the appended letter from B. G. Jayne, Esq., that consideration no longer exists, and we do to day what an observance of the principles upon which the *Truth* was established, and by which it has been conducted, would have impelled us to do immediately upon discovering that the letter was a forgery, and which nothing could then have prevented but a desire to fasten the guilt where it belongs *Truth* published the letter in good faith, believing that your were its author. While we so believed, neither temptation, threats nor force could influence us to repudiate it. Likewise, having now satisfied ourselves of its spurious character, no false pride nor selfish motive of any kind can restrain us from announcing our conclusion and thereby allaying the doubt that now exists respecting its authenticity. Respectfully yours. (Signed.) TRUTH.

LETTER OF B. J. JAYNE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31, 1880.—Joseph Hart, Esq: DEAR SIR—In answer to your note of yesteesday, I would say that I can see no good reason for longer withholding the statement you desire to make in your paper, viz: that you are now satisfied, from the evidences in your possession, that the letter published by you, purporting to have been written by Gen. J. A. Garfield to H. L Morey, of Lynn, Mass., was a forgery. Fully understanding the imposition practised upon you by certain members of the National Democratic Committee, upon whose assurances you relied with regard to the genuineness of the letter, and knowing how earnestly you have worked to ascertain the authorship of the fraud by following every clew that seemed to lead to its solution, and fully appreciating your oft-repeated declarations that your only wish in the premises was to ascertain and proclaim the exact truth, I deem that in justice to all concerned, the time has come when you should say the letter way a forgery, for with the proofs in your possession there can be little doubt as to the real criminals. Very respectfully,

B. G. JAYNE.

PREPARATIONS for the coming census of 1881 in London are being actively pushed. It is anticipated that the returns will reveal a striking increase in the population of the metropolis, which cannot now be short of 4,000,000. The census will be taken simultaneously in every district of the United Kingdom on the same day.

THE public debt was decreased $5,690,430 during the month of December.

Electric Oil Among the Base Ballists.

Joseph Durringer, Broadway, says he had the misfortune to severely sprain his ankle, confining him to his room and causing extreme suffering. His brother, Lessee, of the East side B. B. grounds, who always uses it in such cases, induced him to try it and he says that the application of the Eclectric Oil half a dozen times enabled him to walk around, and before he had used ½ of the bottle he was quite recovered.

For sale by A. J. Stoner. Jan4

HOW OFFICIALS WERE ONCE PAID.

The following little scraps of history are found in the Milwaukee *Telegraph*:

It is not a generally known historical fact that from 1777 to 1764 the territory now known as Tennessee formed a part of North Carolina, and that in 1785 the Tennesseeans, becoming dissatisfied with their government, organized a state government under the name of "Franklyn," which was maintained for some years. The state organization afterward disbanded, and territorial Tennessee was again annexed to North Carolina. The following is among the laws passed by the Legislature of the State of Franklyn. We copy it as found in a speech by Daniel Webster on the currency in 1838:

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Franklyn, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That from the first day of January, 1789, the salaries of the officers of this commonwealth be as follows, to-wit:

"His excellency, the Governor, per annum, one thousand deer skins;

"His honor, the Chief Justice, five hundred deer skins;

"The Secretary to his excellency, the Governor, five hundred raccoon skins;

"The Treasurer of the State, four hundred and fifty raccoon skins;

"Each County Clerk, three hundred beaver skins.

"Clerk of the House of Commons, two hundred raccoon skins;

"Member of the Assembly, per diem, three hundred raccoon skins;

"Justices' fee for signing a warrant, one muskrat skin;

"To the constable for serving a warrant, one mink skin;

"Enacted into a law the 18th of October, 1789, under the great seal of the State."

CHICAGO elevators, as per official returns, contains 7,370,621 bushels of wheat, 4,761,643 bushels of corn, 1,478,136 buehels of oats, 363,782 bushels of rye, and 290,971 bushels of barley, making a grand total of 14,201,153 bushels against 13,982,130 bushels a week ago, and 14,233,225 bushels at this period last year.

In addition to the above, there are fourteen schooners in the river laden with 514,300 bushels of corn.

The stock of mess pork and lard in Chicago on the 1st instant was: Mess pork, 201,629 barrels, including 23,583 barrels of old packed. Lard, 97,042 tierces. The stock of flour in Chicago on the 1st instant was 91,925 barrels.

Milwaukee warehouses are stored with 2,725,100 bushels of wheat, 4,628 bushels of corn, 32,649 bushels of oats, 55,136 bushels of rye, and 505,192 bushels of barley.

In London, England, the stock of wheat on the 1st instant was 230,000 to 240,000 quarters, against 440,000 to 460,000 quarters on January 1, 1880.

In New York the stocks on the 1st instant included 5,511,000 bushels of wheat, 2,155,000 bushels of corn, 812,000 bushels of oats, 221,000 bushels of rye, 208,000 bushels of barley, 15,534 barrels of pork and 41,407 tierces of lard.

Grain in sight in the States and Canada, December 25, 1880: Wheat, 30,007,000 bushels; corn, 16,922,000 bushels; oats, 3,860,000 bushels; rye, 873,000 bushels; barley, 3,185,000 bushels.

Exports from seaboard ports last week: Flour, 183,863 barrels, wheat, 1,774,897 bushels; corn, 680,913 bushels; pork, 5,800 barrels; lard, 10,126,556 pounds; bacon, 23,501,784 pounds.

SIOUX CITY, IA., January 4.—A shocking accident occurred to-day on the line of the Sioux City & Omaha division of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, by which six men were killed outright and the seventh lost a leg The men were engaged in a cut, north of Bancroft, shoveling snow. The working train anticipating the coming of the south bound passenger, had side-tracked and the men, eleven in all, had stepped from the train to allow the passenger to pass. Some trouble in getting through had been experienced the day before, and the engineer approaching the cut, which is a long one, and on the curve put on steam and rushed in, the train consisting of a locomotive and tender, two box cars and one passenger car. The train, with the exception of the latter car, passed the men in safety, but the steps to the passenger coach caught them and mowed them down like grass under the wheels, only four escaping without serious injury. The names of the killed are Chas. Morris, Thos. Broughman, A. P. Swanson, G. A. Herman, Olney Anderson and John Erickson. The name of the wounded man is John Ablean The men all lived at Oakland, Neb., to which point the bodies were conveyed.

PERHAPS no man enjoyed the storm which has suspended travel in the East half as much as Gen. Garfield. When we remember the car load upon car load of letters and petitions tied with red tape and marked "important,' and giving testimonials of the great worth of this and that statesman and expectant, every one of which he is expected to sit up of nights to read, we are reminded that just now the President-elect should have a rest. If any gentleman is worried lest General Garfield is not well posted, and wants to hurry to Mentor to enlighten him, allow us to suggest that it is a delusion. Perhaps no public man has less need of information.

The Death List.

The death list of the year includes many notable names. In the governing power of the world there have been few deaths, the most prominent being that of the Empress of Russia. Among prominent Americans in public life who have died, are Thomas F. Bayard, John Brisbin, William Bigler, James A. Sedden, Herschel V. Johnson, Governor Williams (Blue Jeans), Sanford E. Church, Dudley Field and Chief Justice Ryan, of Wisconsin. The ministry of this country has lost four prominent divines, Dr. Chapin, George Punchard, Bishop Gilbert Haven and Dr. William Adams. Education and science have lost Barnas, Sears, Profs. Benjamin Pierce and James C. Watson, Buckland, the natural historian, and Lassell and Chasles, the English and French mathematicians. Art has lost Compte-Calix, Guillemin and our own Greenbouge, De Haas and Gifford, and music mourns such eminent names as Weiniawsky, Offenbach, Ole Bull, Tiberini and Weitzman. The dramatic stage has lost Locke, Vivian, Brougham, Taylor, Neilson and Mrs. Charles Kean, and literature James De Mille, Richard Frothingham, Glinka, Paul De Musset, Pierce Egan, Lydia Maria Child and George Eliot.

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Council Dissolved.

At a meeting of colored council No. 57, Royal Templars of Temperance, held on Monday night, January 3d, 1881, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Council of the State of New York having granted a charter to this council, and now having made an unjust discrimination, as we are advised, on account of race, in requiring us to form an independent council, distinct and separate from the regular order, thereby depriving us of the advantage of the beneficiary fund of said order; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this council, declare that we regard such action as unjust, and a breach of good faith upon the part of said supreme council, and hereby dissolve and annul our connection therewith.

Resolved, That the members of this council hereby return their heartfelt and grateful thanks to Grand Counsellor L. L. Haworth, of this State, for his kind and persistent efforts in our behalf, and we hereby declare to reorganize when the membership of the order in the State of Illinois is numerous enough to allow an independent organization for this State, and the order so organizes.

G. F. BRUMMELL, S. C.
OLIVE BIRD, Sec'y.

The Young & Norman Drawing.

The Young & Norman grand gift drawing occurred at the tabernacle on Monday afternoon, after J. R. Race & Co 's drawing had been disposed of. Both drawings were conducted in the same manner, but by different parties, the tenth ticket taken out of the Young & Norman glass case winning a prize Following are the

PRIZE NUMBERS.

14,354—1st prize,	one $125 bed-room set.	
26,164—2d	"	$10 cash
31,807—3d	"	10 "
27,202—4th	"	10 "
30,628—5th	"	10 "
1,16,372—6th	"	10 "
6,411—7th	"	5 "
27,146—8th	"	5 "
40,045—9th	"	5 "
16,783—10th	"	5 "
16,011—11th	"	5 "
9,635—12th	"	5 "
38,830—13th	"	5 "
18,052—14th	"	5 "
8,268—15th	"	5 "
20,813—16th	"	5 "

William Stephens, of Morhouse & Wells, holds 27,202, C. A Minckley, 38,830; Edith Lytle, daughter of Postmaster Lytle, 18,052; Will Hubbard, 20,813.

Human Weakness.

It rather pleases us to see some of the (would be) leading merchants trying to copy after our popular system of doing business. Marking down and closing out unseasonable goods, etc, etc. But after all its only an imitation, and coming too late in the day, as people in this intelligent community can easily discern the difference between goods that have been shelf-worn for years, and new, fresh merchandise, such as we now offer at lowest prices.

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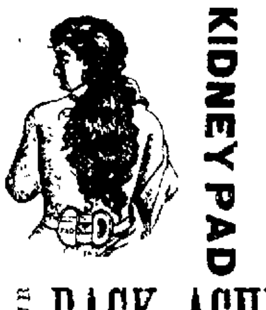

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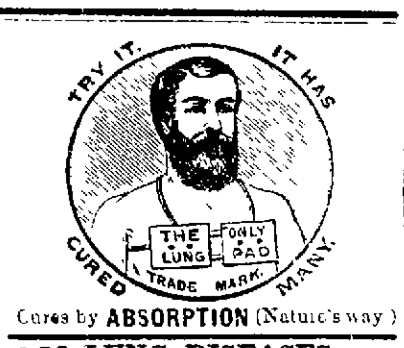

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Wedding Bells at Niantic.

Wednesday morning, Dec. 29th, the monotony of our quite neighborhood, (better known as Stringtown), was suddenly broken by the diversion of a delightful wedding, at which time, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs Rufus Blake, four miles northwest of this place, Miss Carrie Blake, handsomely attired in brown silk, was married to Mr Jesse Hedrick, a promising young farmer, formerly of Ohio, but now a resident of this township. The guests having arrived at the appointed hour, the bridal party, with Miss Viola Morgan and Mr William Wagoner as bridesmaid and groomsman, were ushered into the parlor, where the ceremony was performed by Elder Kritsinger, of Latham, according to the forms of the United Brethren church. Immediately followed the hearty congratulations and the salutations of the bride by those of the fairer sex, which only served as a tantalization to those of us who stood by and looked on with amazement, thinking what it must be to be there. After which we were invited into the dining-room, and partook of a splendid wedding repast prepared by the bride's mother, who is second to none on such occasions. After supper music was the order of the evening, being furnished by the Misses Gordy, Morgan and Ford, and Mrs. Edgar, which, with the general social conversation and the hospitality of the host and hostess and the cultivated manners of Miss Hattie, made this one of the most interesting events of the season. Below we give a full list of the presents

Set of silver knives and forks and a pair of blankets, R Blake, father of the bride.
Set of silver spoons, 25 yards of carpet and a beautifully bound book "The Royal Path of Life," the bride's mother.
Silver butter knife, Miss Cora Blake, sister of the bride.
Silver pickle caster, Miss Bell Hedrick, sister of the groom.
Large parlor lamp, Mr W W Wagoner.
A handsome toilet set, Miss Mollie Kaufman.
Crystal tea set, Miss Hattie Blake, sister of the bride.
Set of beautiful sauce dishes, Miss Hattie Ford.
One dozen napkins, Emma Blake.
Pair of bracelets, from groom to bride.
A large rocking chair, Mr and Mrs. Hedrick, parents of the groom, also 25 yards of carpet by same.
Fruit dish of unique design, Miss Jennie Gordy.
Ornaments for bureau and center table, E A. Morgan.
Bed-spread, the Misses Simpson.
A beautiful motto, Miss Viola Morgan.
A pair of highly colored vases, Messrs Simpson.

With the above persons the ceremony was witnessed by Supervisor A. C Edgar and wife, Miss Ruby Pillings, Mr Charles Ford, Miss Alice Lindsey and brother, Mr. Winnie Patterson and sister Emma, Mr. Benj Gordy, Miss Neva Knap, Mr. Charles Morgan, Miss Mary Gordy and William Kritsinger, Esq. The reception given by the parents of the groom on the following evening was, to say the least, most excellent, though the weather was severe and some of the guests experienced a sad misfortune, yet above all it was an evening long to be remembered by those who feasted at the blushing table of Mr and Mrs. Hedrick. The newly married couple begin real life with the best wishes of a large circle of friends. May they live long and prosper. X

NIANTIC, ILL., Jan. 3, 1881

"Brevity is the Soul of Wit."

Albany Press

The following amusing story, which was told by Franklin, ought to be read and acted upon by all correspondents communicating their thoughts to the newspaper press: A young man, on commencing business, proposed to paint over his shop window, "John Thompson, hatter, makes and sells hats for ready money," to which was added the sign of a hat. One friend suggested that, as he made and sold hats, the word "hatter" was unnecessary. It was, therefore, struck out and the sign remained, "John Thompson makes and sells hats for ready money." Another friend advised him to omit the phrase "for ready money," as there would occur occasions for selling on credit; and so the sign read "John Thompson makes and sell hats." It was then hinted the buyer of the hat did not care who made it, and that the sign would be better if it read: "John Thompson sells hats." But another amputation was in store still, for a critic pointed out the uselessness of the phrase "sells hats," for, said he, "no one would ever suppose that the hats were to be given away for nothing." Thus at last this aspiring tradesman commenced business, like many worthy successors, under the modest sign of "John Thompson."

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J. W. Tyler Out of Business.

I take this method of informing the public generally and my old patrons in city and country in particular, that I am now out of business, having disposed of my stock of harness, saddles, bridles, etc. All parties indebted to me are requested to call at once at Walters & Tyler's drug store, south side city park, where the accounts may be found and where settlements may be made. I desire in conclusion to return my thanks to the public for the liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past, and as I will soon re-open in the harness business, I hope by square dealing and good work to merit and receive a continuation of the same.

Respectfully,
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Decatur, Jan 4, 1881-d5wtf

I HAVE suffered from a kidney difficulty for the past ten years, accompanied with nervous spasms. Physicians gave me but temporary relief, but after using three and one-half bottles of Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, my nervous spasms were *entirely* relieved. My age is 71 years. I recommend this great remedy to all suffering from nervous troubles.

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THE following pupils were perfect in attendance and deportment in the grammar school of the second ward for the month ending Dec 17th, 1880. Alevia Archer, Katie Aiken, Ella Davis, Mamie Freeman, Eliza Hall, Cora Hammer, Alice Hiser, Anna Hughson, Ida Kain, Ella McRoberts, Minnie Mills, Maud Sears, Mollie Williams and Abbie Young. Ella Strader spelled the school down at the monthly spelling match on Dec. 17, 1880.

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MRS WM. TIPPETT, Owasco, N. Y., says I have worn an Improved Excelsior Kidney Pad about three weeks and have received great relief from it for pain in the back.—See advertisement. jan6-d&w1w

A Remarkable Story

A correspondent of the New York *Evening Post*, writing from Baltimore, tells the following remarkable story: "I sat awhile by two ivy-grown graves—neither very long made—but the story of the young people whose bodies lie in them is strange and terrible enough for a Southworth novel in its present proportions. This is the tale as it was told me: There was an ambitious Baltimore mother, and a very rich and marriageable young scion of a stately house, and the former had heard that the latter had said that he would marry only a blonde—a woman with yellow-gold hair and dark eyes if such he could find. The mother had a lovely daughter, but her hair was brown. As, however, modern art could change the spots of the leopard, that little difficulty could be compassed; the mother took the daughter to New York and had her transformed into the goldenest of blondes. She then went with her to Saratoga, where the young man was to pass the gay season. The result was electric—the young man beheld his ideal—an arrangement was speedily made for the marriage. The sad feature of the story is that it was a real love match, and the young man would have loved the beautiful girl brown haired as nature had made her. Of course the blonde-hair fiction might have been sustained for some time, but very soon after the marriage the young lady became very ill, and an ugly and strange eruption appeared on her neck. The hair dye had wrought poison in the blood. People still tell how she was glittering with diamonds when she was carried out in the arms of her husband from the stately old mansion in Baltimore and placed in the carriage to be borne away to another city for medical treatment, which was of no avail. She died before the year was ended, and her broken-hearted husband soon followed her to the grave."

THE following suggestion is worthy the consideration of parents. "Nervousness with a child is almost always a matter of the stomach. A crust of bread will usually put an end to the most obstinate perverseness. Children, for this reason, should never be allowed to go to bed after a fit of crying with an empty stomach. A bit of bread and jelly, or a cup of custard, will bring back smiles and happiness when all the moral law fails, and for soundest reasons."

ONE night Uncle Harvey, keeper of a poor house down in Maine, was waked by the groans of one of the old men. "What is the matter?" he asked. "I'm dying, Uncle Harvey," said the old man. "I'm dying, go and get me a doughnut; I must have suthin' to pass away the time."

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

—OF—

REAL ESTATE!

BY virtue of an order and decree of the county court of Macon county and State of Illinois, rendered at the November term thereof, upon the petition of Ephraim Bear, administrator of the estate of Samuel Bear, deceased, for leave to sell real estate to pay the debts of said decedent, the undersigned administrator will sell at public vendue, on

Saturday, the Eighth day of January, A. D. 1881,

at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the west entrance to the circuit court room, in the city of Decatur, Illinois, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of the late Samuel Bear, deceased, to-wit. The north half (½) of the southwest quarter (¼) of the northwest quarter (¼) and the southeast quarter (¼) of the northwest quarter (¼) of section twenty-nine (29), township seventeen (17), range two (2) east of the 3rd principal meridian, and lot three (3) of the northeast quarter (¼) of the southeast quarter (¼) of section five (5), township sixteen (16), range two east of the third principal meridian—all in Macon county and State of Illinois.

The above sale will be made to the highest bidder for CASH. EPHRAIM BEAR, Administrator of the estate of Samuel Bear, deceased.

D. C. CORLEY, Solicitor for Petitioner
Dec 9, 1880-w4w

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THE HEIRS OF CALEB HESS, deceased, will offer at public sale on the premises, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th, 1881, the real estate belonging to said deceased, situated in Oakley township, Macon county, Illinois, one and a half miles east of Oakley, and two miles west of Cerro Gordo. The property embraces eighty acres of good prairie land, all in cultivation, with one-story house, good stable, good orchard in bearing and all under good fence, with plenty of water; also, thirty acres of good timber, which will be sold in five-acre lots. Sale between the hours of 10 a. m and 11 o'clock p. m.

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Anecdote of Governor Grimes.

Burlington Hawkeye.

The following story of ex-Governor Grimes is vouched for by one who knew him well: The legislature had just convened at the capital of Iowa. Governor Grimes had arrived the night before, and taken rooms at a certain hotel—at least so a young aspirant for office from a distant portion of the state ascertained as he drove up and alighted from his carriage at the steps of that public house. The hostler threw off his trunk, and the landlord conducted him to his room, leaving the trunk in the bar-room. Wishing his trunk, the young man demanded to have it brought up, and seeing a man pass through the lower hall, whom he took to be the porter, he gave his commands in an imperious and lofty tone. The order was obeyed, the man charging a quarter of a dollar for his services, a marked quarter, that was good for only 20 cents, was slipped slyly into his hand, and was put into his pocket by the man with a smile.

"And now, sirrah!" cried the new arrival, "do you know Governor Grimes?"

"O yes, sir."

"Well, take my card to him, and tell him I wish an interview with him at his earliest convenience."

A peculiar look flashed from the man's blue eyes, and with a smile, extending his hand, he said:

"I am Governor Grimes, at your service, sir."

"You—I—that is, my dear sir, I beg—a—a thousand pardons!"

"None needed at all, sir," replied Governor Grimes; "I was rather favorably impressed with your letter, and had thought you well suited for the office specified. But, sir, any man who would swindle a workingman out of a paltry five cents would defraud the public treasury had he an opportunity. Good evening, sir."

Secret of Large Crops in England.

One of the strong points of English farming was recently emphasized as follows by Professor Roberts, of Cornell University:

"Herein," says he, "I am satisfied, lies the secret of English success in raising larger crops. It would take away the breath of a prairie farmer to hear even an Englishman's enumeration of the 'spuddings,' the 'grubbings,' the 'twitchings,' the harrowings, the cross harrowings, the rollings and crushings that a heavy clay field is subjected to before it is considered ready for wheat. What is all this for? Simply to unlock the full storehouse of nature. That it is full has been proven time and again. By actual analysis it is found that an average soil contains, in the first six inches, plant food enough for from 50 to 150 full crops of grain. I do not desire to discourage the purchase and use of fertilizers, but what I do protest against is purchasing on time commercial manures at $40 per ton, which are really worth only twenty-five, to enrich cloddy fields already fairly rich in plant food, locked up, it is true, but there none the less, only waiting a little judicious application of brain and muscle to set it free. If these hastily jotted facts and impressions are the means of inducing my fellow farmers to remove some of the useless trees and fences, or to give the fields an additional cross harrowing or two before casting in the seeds and asking the Lord to bless the labor of their hands, my object will have been attained.

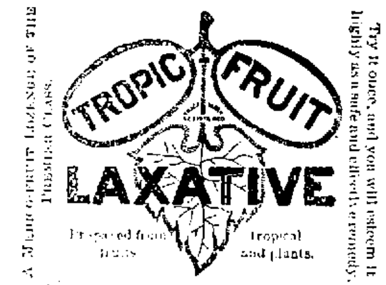
A PAPER manufacturing firm purposes converting 20,000 acres of timber land in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, into paper. A large gang of workmen have been sent to the tract to begin improvements. There will be erected a shanty fifty feet in length, twelve feet in width, and eight feet high. The shanty once completed, work will be begun on a large store building, thirty dwelling houses, and an enormous digester, for the cooking and steaming of wood in the manufacture of pulp, and a huge building to be used in the manufacture of paper sacks and wrapping paper.

NOT long ago Senator Hamlin and Horace Maynard, now Postmaster General, were talking of the unsatisfactory life a public man leads. He may work all of his useful days in the public harness, and when he is exhausted he is turned out, like a retired canal horse, to die. Maynard complained that he had been a quarter of a century in public life and was now poorer than when he entered. "Well," replied Hamlin, "I am not. I had nothing when I commenced and have got nothing now!"

Butterick's Patterns.

The January styles in Butterick's Metropolitan Fashion just received by

Dec. 12—d&wtf Linn & Scruggs.



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With a splash on our window pane
Make us shiver and start as they warn us all
Of a storm, or of coming rain,
So it is with life, when we're growing old,
And age steals unaware,
We shiver and start, if the truth were told,
At the sight of our first gray hair.

We mark not the light of our noonday hours,
Like the first streaks the dawn doth bring;
We hail not the birth of our summer flowers
As we do the first snow drops of spring;
On the bleak winter wind we look not with grief,
Though it howl through the branches bare;
But we sigh when we witness the brown autumn leaf
And behold nature's first gray hair.

Gray hairs may come when the beaming eye
Has none of its brightness lost,
When with buoyant heart we would fain deny
Youth's Rubicon had been crossed;
But the ivy-clad tree looks young and green
Though a sapless trunk may be there;
And naught of decay on our cheeks may be seen
When we witness our first gray hair.

Come early, come late, like a knock at the gate,
Is that first soft silvery thread,
And it joins with its silence the years that await
With the years forever fled,
It silently tells us we are journeying on—
It silently questions us—Where?
Oh! a faithful milestone, were the truth but known,
Is seen in our first gray hair.

PLEASANT REMEMBRANCES.

Sitting here, I find myself holding a levee of departed Christmas nights. Silently, into my study of imagination comes these apparitions, clad in snowy mantles, brooched and gemmed with frosts. Their numbers I do not care to count, for they are the number of my years. The visages of some are sad enough; but, on the whole, 'tis a congregation of jolly ghosts. I hear a sound as of light music—a whisk of women's dresses whirled around in dance, and the click as of glasses pledged by friends. Before one apparition is a mound on which the snow is lying. I know that sprig of mistletoe. O, spirit in the midst! Under it I swung the girl I loved—and kissed her, too. And thou, too, with trencher in hand; I remember thy reigning night. Where now are the many boys and girls that thrust their fingers in thy blaze?

The kindly Christmas tree, from which I trust every gentle reader will pull a bon-bon or two, is already sparkling with the sweet fruits of the season. You, young ladies, will pluck giftlings fruits from it; and with the sugar-plum you will find one of those delicious conundrums, which the confectioners introduce into sweetmeats, and which apply to the cunning passion of love. There are some standing about the tree who don't care about the love-riddle part. Patience, little people! a dozen Christmases more and you will be reading those wonderful conundrums. As for us older folks, we watch the young people pulling at the branches; but we no longer reach for the fruits, and for us the Christmas lights have mostly gone out.

Requisite of Greatness

From the Newark Advertiser.

It is said that while Colonel Thomas A. Scott was in Europe last year he was asked at a party of gentlemen what he considered to be indispensable elements of greatness and distinction in a man's character, according to the American standard, to which he replied: "He must possess the necessary equanimity of temperament to conceive an idea, the capacity to form it into some tangible shape, the ingenuity to put it into practical operation, the ability to favorably impress others with its merits, and the power of will that is necessary to force it to success."

THE ex Empress Eugenie is said to be a very wealth woman, possessing estates in Hungary, Spain, France, Switzerland, Italy and England, besides the product of savings, speculations and insurances on the life of the Emperor Napoleon. The report of her intended marriage to a St. Louis gentleman is denied as false.

NOBODY wants to be Secretary of the Navy for the remaining two months of Mr. Hayes' rule. A man couldn't more than get the trick of walking with his feet wide apart, pulling his trousers up every little while and hailing people with "Avast, there, messmate," before he'd become an ordinary landsman, and then those habits would make him appear ridiculous.

IT is reported that President Grevy, of France, will hold this year a New Year's reception after the American fashion; that is, that the doors of the Elysee will be thrown open to all comers who may wish to call and pay their respects to the President of the Republic.

THE smallest county in this State is Putnam, on the Illinois river below La Salle. Its population is but 5,555. Hardin, on the Ohio river, comes next with 6,204, and little Calhoun only claims 7,471.

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THE fair and festival given by the congregation at Blue Mound Chapel, eight miles southwest of Decatur on Thursday evening last, was a grand social and financial success the net receipts amounting to about $145

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It will be interesting to the public to learn that the bonded debt of the Methodist Wesleyan University is all provided for by subscription except $709—that is, if all the pledges already made can be relied on The Bloomington *Pantagraph* remarks "It is found that about $5 000 of these are financially bad and doubtful Hence liberal subscriptions are urgently needed Bloomington citizens are responding nobly, and a little help from all and big lifts from the wealthy will put this educational institution fully upon its feet

To-MORROW will usher in the annual "turn over a new leaf" day The young men should give up cigars late hours chewing tobacco, asking the boys out courting four girls at once borrowing or lending having it slated and lending clean shirts And the young ladies should resolve not to chew gum use cheap rouge, borrow a novel, talk slang, *hardly ever* flirt powder noses, whisper in church envy any girl's bonnet, call pap "dad" sit up later than 12 say no when he pops lay my oiled head on his shoulders swoon just to be caught sneeze at the table nor sleep in their stockings

THE temperance tabernacle light raising fair and festival, which was inaugurated on Wednesday evening last has proven a financial failure The weather was bitter cold on two evenings, and the attendance of the public was discouragingly light Last evening the turnout of the people was again small, and the trustees concluded not to continue the affair any longer Therefore it was announced that the fair would cease and that the doors of the building would be closed to-night At some future time when the weather is pleasant another effort will no doubt be made to wipe out the $1200 debt

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A PLEASANT REUNION

The Joyous Union Iron Works' Annual Banquet and Novel Concert at the Tabernacle Last Evening

That There is Music in the 'Western' was Fully Demonstrated,—Happy Surprise for Superintendent Burroughs

From Thursday's Daily

Probably the most widely known manufacturing firm in Decatur—one that has brought our beautiful and enterprising city into favorable notice in many states and in certain corn growing districts in foreign lands—is the UNION IRON WORKS, whose business is carried on at the extensive establishment on East William street The business of the firm has increased in extent and importance year after year under the careful, energetic and experienced management of the general superintendent, Mr C C Burroughs There is certainly no more flourishing branch of industry within the city limits, than is carried on at the Union Iron Works, and we rejoice with the proprietors, Messrs James Millikin, C C Burroughs John M Flood and C C Grauvohl in their business prosperity They are largely engaged in the manufacture of the celebrated "Western Corn Shellers and Cleaners, and also put up all classes of general machinery

Christmas Eve 1879 the Works gave a grand complimentary banquet at the St Nicholas at which assembled the operatives of the establishment and invited guests This year the firm decided to have another reunion and extended neatly printed invitations of which the following is a copy

INVITATION

On Wednesday evening Dec ... 1880 a banquet and concert will be given by the Union Iron Works at the Tabernacle to which you are cordially invited

Come early and with us in the festivities of the occasion that we may thus set aside the dull routine of every day life and spend an evening in social festivity music and turkey

By order of the WORKS

In obedience to the above cordial invitation nearly 150 guests assembled at 7 o'clock last evening notwithstanding the extreme frigidness which prevailed outside All mingled together in a social way until eight o'clock when Superintendent Burroughs, who was an efficient master of ceremonies appeared upon the stage in front of the curtain and announced that

THE "WESTERN" CONCERT

would then begin Meanwhile the assembled company had seated themselves and waited patiently for the first number The bell tapped and the curtain was rolled up disclosing the noted "Western Corn Sheller Family," placed upon the stage as pianos usually appear They were stripped of the wooden hoppers, and each of the three shellers looked very much like a huge cannon ready for service Following was the programme

Grand Overture—By the younger members of the "Western" Corn Sheller Family

Quartet—"O'er the Dark Blue Sea," with Corn Sheller accompaniment

Corn Sheller Solo—By Sheller No 4

Solo—"The White Squall," with Corn sheller accompaniment

Corn Sheller Solo—By Sheller No 5

The novel concert was given mainly by members of the Hayden Society who were assisted in the rendition of the vocal numbers by Mrs K Harwood, Miss Lou Kneiper and Messrs C B Prescott, Charles Montgomery and Z T Hundley The unique arrangement which was conceived and planned by Mr Burroughs was manifestly very perplexing to the majority of the audience—particularly among the ladies—who couldn't, for the life of them discover how such familiar, harmonious sounds could emanate from such alleged instruments but the concert proceeded without delay and was given with splendid effect Altogether it afforded a mint of fun At the close a motion was put by Col Rowell that it be repeated to-night, but owing to the other engagements of the "Western Family" the management were unable to comply with the unanimous request

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Before Mr Burroughs had time to make announcements concerning the banquet, Mr Robert C Wells the foreman of the Works, stepped forward and presented the superintendent with a very large and beautiful upholstered easy chair and ottoman as a gift from the operatives—Mr Wells made a happy presentation speech He said

MR C C BURROUGHS—It is said that misfortunes never come singly If such is the case it is also true that many pleasures may come at once—and on this occasion it holds good I have derived great pleasure this evening in looking upon the well laden tables loaded down with good cheer for the inner man It has afforded me much pleasure to listen to the charming music that has emanated from the Western No ... and to the melodious strains that has been drawn out by No 4 Then it has afforded me much pleasure to see so many happy and smiling faces here despite the cold weather that prevails the ... all pleasures to me But there is another pleasure accorded to me which more than equals the rest and that pleasure Mr Burroughs consists in presenting to you on behalf of the employees of the Union Iron Works this easy chair and ottoman It is not ... to say how easy it is—that will be for you to find out I have no doubt it will be an easy task I am assured by the chairman of the committee on chair that in selecting it they were guided by a peculiar principle ... that the larger the chair the easier it would be While the committee have done their business up ... and although the chair is upholstered in *terra cotta* still we are not to suppose that every time you occupy it you will go off into a *terra cotta* ... no matter how convenient a place it may be to study in And when you are setting in this chair with its arms encircling you, you should glance on seriously into the Land of Nod ... then ... we can truly say Happy be thy dreams

I must not pass ... the ... eastern question ... the fact that I expect to be full of turkey and anticipate ... as possible for me to do ... justice to the ottoman Historically and geographically speaking they may be one and the same thing yet from a gastronomical standpoint they are very different It will afford you great consolation to know that while the turkey may disappear, this enemy, the ottoman, will still remain. In presenting this to you allow me to extend to you the kindest wishes of the doners for your future prosperity, comfort and happiness, and we trust that the good feeling that has heretofore prevailed shall always continue between yourself and the employees of the Union Iron Works

It was plainly evident that Mr Burroughs had no previous intimation of the surprise presentation and the audience joined with the operatives in the enjoyment of the pleased recipient's manifest confusion He arose from the chair at the conclusion of Mr Wells' remarks and tried to express his gratitude and pleasure in fitting words but he was wholly unprepared, and for a time was at a loss to express his thankfulness Finally, however, he became more collected and delivered a feeling speech that engaged the closest attention and hearty applause of the assembly

THE BANQUET

was then served by the temperance ladies at the expense of the Works, upon several long tables on the south side of the large room Before the banquetters commenced the attack upon the edibles Mr I McNabb invoked the Divine blessing The feast was one in keeping with the occasion, and was served in good style

After the banquet the guests lingered for a while and then departed for their homes, all well pleased with the "Western" concert treat, and the entertainment so generously accorded them

Thanks

We take this method of extending to Mrs K Harwood, Misses Anna and Lou Kneiper Messrs Chas W Montgomery C B Prescott, Z T Hundley A F Cox Will Muzzy Wm Gilkeson Will Roberts Frank Barber, Frank Imboden Clarence Hand, Clarence McClelland Joe Michl Herman Martin and Joe Alexander our hearty thanks for so kindly arranging and participating in the concert exercises given by you at our banquet Wednesday evening To say that we were pleased with your performance would be a mild way of expressing our high appreciation, as to you alone belongs the credit for the success of this part of the entertainment

Yours Very Respectfully,
UNION IRON WORKS

From Thursday's Daily

President Gastman

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' Association has been in session in Representatives Hall at Springfield, for the past two days The officers of the association for the ensuing year were elected yesterday, as follows

President—Enoch A Gastman, Decatur
Secretary—Samuel E Harwood, Carbondale
Treasurer—M Andrews, Galesburg
Executive Com —C E Mann, Geneva A F Nightingale Lakeview, M L Seymour, Normal

One vice president for each congressional district in the state was also chosen — Mr J W Hays of Urbana, was chosen from this (the 14th) district

During the past year Mr Gastman has been serving the association as treasurer He reported yesterday that the Centennial fund now amounted to $608 75, the interest received during the year being $65 80 He also reported that it was impossible to loan the money at 8 per cent as instructed and was given permission to make the best terms possible in effecting loans

We congratulate Mr Gastman on his election as president of such an intellectual and important association He will fill the exalted position with credit and honor to himself the association and our own fair city, where he has resided continuously for the past 20 years

WE have received a copy of the Topeka (Kansas) daily *Commonwealth*, of Tuesday Dec 21st, which gives an extended account of a pleasant surprise party given at the residence of Mr Geo F Wessels, formerly a well known business man of Decatur, in honor of his 44th birthday anniversary A large number of the many Topeka friends of the family were present and all had a jolly good time During the evening Dr Roby on behalf of the company presented Mr Wessels with a very fine album containing photographs of the assembled friends accompanied by an original leather poem Following is the closing and 18th verse

That night, good friends *a merry rout*
Our host to-day is forty four,
Long life to him and gold galore
With a corner lot on the shining shore

Hosiery and Corsets

We can safely assert that our line of Ladies Misses' and Children's Hose can not be excelled by any retail establishment outside of the Illinois Metropolis in the State In Corsets we show an assortment of about 2 000—and while speaking of the quantity we beg leave to say that the quality and prices of our Corsets will recommend them to those who know and are judges of the article as second to none In both these special lines we claim to be ahead of all competition in these digging

CHEAP STORE
D&w w —18—

REV Henry A Barton late of Corinth Ill has succeeded Rev J N Wright as the pastor of James Chapel He comes here with his wife from the Southern Illinois Conference and has entered upon his christian work in our midst He is a young man of considerable ability and a ... speaker

Lost

On the Bloomington road north of Decatur Friday, Dec 31 a seal skin box. Any one finding said furs will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at this office jan1-d2t w1*

REDUCE your shoe bills by buying of ber & Bake d&wtf

Rev. Batson's Christmas Gifts.

The pleasant home of the highly esteemed and faithful pastor of the Baptist church, Rev W H Batson, on North Water street, was invaded last evening by about 50 members of the congregation, who came laden with many useful gifts, which at the proper time were formally presented to the surprised parson and family There was something the matter with the REPUBLICAN reporter's time piece and he got there a few moments before the party arrived, but he found that Thomas Hays and several other persons had preceded him, and he felt better on making this discovery The hospitable parson and reporter chatted about the weather, the sun dogs and the death of the old year, when suddenly the door bell rang and the invaders entered headed by James Freeman, who peremptorily demanded an unconditional surrender The parson readily complied and received each and all with a hearty shake of the hand Dr J N Bills, wearing a silk hat, was one of the central figures and helped to increase the merriment which characterized the exercises of the evening J Martin Bower George Wood and R Liddle were also present also a large number of ladies and children — Among the gifts presented to the family was a barrel of potatoes two or three sacks of flour a lot of choice canned fruit clothing, and eatables in abundance During the evening Rev Batson was presented with a corpulent purse containing about $65 in cash, which was given and received with appropriate words of esteem and thanks No refreshments were served, but the jolly party lingered until a late hour when good byes were exchanged and the parson and his family were left in full possession of their home

A Brilliant Wedding

Mr Arn Lyman and Miss Ollie Wykoff at the bride's fathers on the 30th inst at 11 a m, were united in the bond of holy wedlock by Rev W A Reynolds of Maroa There was a large number of invited friends present, and at the hour set the couple presented themselves in elegant suits before the minister and friends to hear the solemn words that made them one The bride was dressed in a most beautiful manner and lovely flowers crowned her head On the centre table were some handsome presents of silver and vases Mr Lemuel Wykoff gave his daughter a very fine saddle horse Mr and Mrs John S Sargent and Mr and Mrs Leavitt, of Maroa, presented an elegant silver castor, Mr and Mrs Morris, set of napkin rings, Mr E C Lyman, butter knife Mr and Mrs John Longstreet, silver goblet Mr Henry W Wagner, a china cup and saucer, Mr Richard Wykoff, butter knife, Mr and Mrs Cushman Lyman, set of silver spoons, Mr Frank Ross and his sister Viola, set of napkin rings, Mr Geo R and Miss Rella Shockley, handsome pickle castor, Mr and Mrs Oath Long, set of napkin rings, Mr and Mrs Hopper and Wm Oliver, lamp, Mr I Lyman, butter knife The minister presented a large marriage certificate The best of all was a magnificent dinner given to the guests by Mrs Wykoff No pains were spared by her to make the dinner first class The occasion was an enjoyable one and will long be remembered The bride and groom have gone to Springfield to spend a few days, after which which they will return and live on the farm owned by the groom six miles south of Maroa

Down 320 feet

Work at the Decatur coal shaft, our readers will be pleased to learn, is progressing as rapidly as possible The diggers have reached a depth of 320 feet, and according to the borings made by Mr J E Bering are now within 100 feet of a foot and a half vein of a superior article of coal Mr W J Quinlan this morning placed upon our table specimens of the hard substance now being taken out of the deep hole They are shell shaped in form and are ridged, agreeing perfectly with Mr Bering's borings and scale maps which he took special pains in preparing If nothing happens Mr Frorer will succeed in sinking the shaft 600 feet by May 1st, when he will undoubtedly strike a vein of coal six or eight feet in thickness

From Friday's Daily

Humphrey—Albeitz

The Christian church last evening at eight o'clock was the scene of the happy marriage of Miss Alice Albeitz and Mr William A Humphrey, who were attended by Miss Nannie Odor and Mr Sanford W Leffingwell The ceremony was performed by Rev N S Haynes, the retiring pastor of the church in the presence of about 200 invited friends of the contracting parties After the ceremony the bridal party entered waiting carriages and were whirled over the snow covered streets to the future home of the bride and groom in the first ward, which had previously been prepared for their reception The groom is an artisan at the Decatur Furniture Factory and a member of the firm of Humphrey & Cretors Decatur agents for a patent attachment for window curtains We extend to the wedded pair our warmest wishes for their perpetual happiness and prosperity They have gone to housekeeping at their cosy home

Death of a Christian Girl

Anna Coe born April 28th 1865 and died Dec 28th 1880 at her father's home west of Maroa Anna was an obedient girl to her parents and loved by all who knew her She was religious and a lover of Sabbath School also one of the leading singers of the school and while on her death bed she cast her eye heavenward and sang these words in a clear composed manner

My Saviour comes and walks with me
And sweet communion here have we
He gently leads me by the hand,
For this is Heaven's border land.

Her peaceful death proves the Saviour's words to be true "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

SPLENDID GIFTS

Foreman F. M Cox Pleasantly Surprised at His Home by the Haworth Employes

From Saturday's Daily

Within the past week or ten days the REPUBLICAN has recorded a number of pleasant social surprises incident to the holiday season, but none were more successful and thoroughly delightful than that which occurred on East Eldorado st last evening at the comfortable home of Mr F M Cox the valued foreman of Haworth & Sons' extensive check rower manufactory About 35 of the employes met at the works at 8 o'clock and proceeded in a body to Mr Cox's residence, taking that gentleman completely by surprise By previous arrangement, two costly Japanese carved base rocking easy chairs, each elegantly upholstered in spun old gold silk and crimson silk plush, and a companion foot rest of equal beauty and elegance had been procured through the furniture firm of P B Provost & Son, and were brought to the residence named at the same moment that the employes reached the dwelling The party "stormed the castle" and were given the freedom of the house by the astonished host, who wondered again and again what it all meant but in due course of time the revelation was made by Mr Theo Nelson, the spokesman for the invaders, who made the following neat presentation speech

MR COX We have all come down to see you this evening We see a good deal of you every day as you are aware Our relations to you and yours to us employed in the Haworth Check Rower Manufactory have been and are such as to test the qualities of men and such as to produce and develope mutual sentiments of either like or dislike We judge of your impression of us by your uniformly courteous deportment We must be allowed to say that you have so impressed us that we have deemed it our privilege and we assure you it is our pleasure to make you on this occasion some substantial expression of our esteem and the regard in which we hold you as our fellow employe in this great industry in which it is our common lot to be co-laborers This chair and this foot rest sir are presented to you for your enjoyment and comfort in the hours of your leisure and rest from your arduous labors Let them ever remind you of our kind regard for you This chair, sir, we desire you to present to your good wife While we have remembered you we have not forgotten her. To us it is a peculiar pleasure of this occasion that we thus enable you to illustrate to her in some degree our esteem for you

Accept these offerings and may you both live long to enjoy them

Mr Cox was completely frustrated by the unlooked for proceeding, but soon found fitting words to express his heart felt thanks, as he looked with beaming eyes and pleasant smiles first upon the generous donors with whom he is daily associated, and then upon the splendid serviceable gifts After which the visitors were served with choice refreshments by the hostess, who, in order that she might assist in making the suprise on her husband a success, had previously received an intimation of the intended visit, but had not been told what they proposed bringing with them

Fairview Chapel

A protracted meeting will begin at Fairview Chapel Jan 9th Elder Schoch will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock, and Elder Hewson is expected to preach in the evening On Monday, Jan 10th and following evenings Elder Jackson will preach and also on Sunday, Jan 16th Morning subject will be "The Blessings of the Gospel," evening, "The Overthrow of Assyria

From Saturday's Daily

S S Officers Elected

At the meeting of the Sunday School board of the First M E church, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

George W Bright Superintendent
R W Shull and Mrs Mary C Kinney, Assistants
W M Strader, Secretary
John G Imboden, Treasurer
George M Wood and C M Imboden, Librarians
Milton Johnson Chorister
Nellie L Smith and Laura Aiken, Organists
N E Adams, Prest Missionary Society
M M Sargent Vice President
M Johnson Secretary and Treasurer

MARRIED

In Jacksonville, Florida, Dec 27th, by Rev Dr Payne MR ARTHUR S ROBINSON of Jacksonville, and MISS MAGGIE MOSSER daughter of J R Mosser, of this city

On Thursday, Dec 30 at the residence of the bride's parents, in Blue Mound township by Rev W L Dankson, MR ROLAND C SCHOGGINS and MISS NANNIE MATTHEWS, daughter of John Matthews

At the residence of Wm Law in Wheatland township on Thursday, Dec 23, 1880 by Elder F Randolph, MR WM BROWN and MISS MARY FORREST, both of Macon Ill

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday evening Dec 28th 1880, by Rev W R Goodwin MR WILLIAM POOLE and MISS MARTHA SHEPLEY both of Decatur

The bride wore a handsome seal brown cashmere and satin dress with becoming ornaments the bridesmaid a beautiful drab silk The groom and groomsman were faultlessly attired in conventional black The attendants were Miss Lina S... Forsyth and Mr F Ward of Decatur The REPUBLICAN was remembered last evening with a generous sample of the wedding cake

At the Commercial Hotel on Thursday, Dec 30th by Judge Greer, MR CHARLES W GARDNER and MISS EMILY J JOZER, both of Maroa township

At the same time and place by the same, MR FRANCIS M SMITH and MISS ELLEN S DILL both of Maroa township

DIED.

In Concord Minn Dec 23, 1880, of capillary bronchitis HOWARD CLARENCE only child of Dr H M and Minnie Sargent, aged 3 months.

Dr Sargent and family formerly resided at Warrensburg this county

At Mantic on Saturday Dec ... CHARLES infant son of C A Hall and Laura Hall aged ... months

At Kansas City, Mo Dec 12th 1880 JOSEPH ROSE aged about 35 years

The deceased was formerly engaged in the saw milling business in this county some years ago and will be remembered by many of our citizens

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GARFIELD.

A President's Lot "Is Not a Happy One."

The Groups Into Which he Divides the Office-Seekers.

WASHINGTON, D C, January 1 —An intimate personal friend of Gen Garfield, who recently spent several days in Mentor, said to day that he knew nothing about appointments to the new Cabinet, and did not believe that Gen Garfield had yet arrived at any conclusion in his own mind even as to any single Cabinet officer, and, therefore, that he, of course, did not believe that an appointment has been tendered to any one. The gentleman related the substance of a conversation between Gen Garfield and himself which shows that the President elect takes a philosophical view of his present situation and illustrates the nature of some of his reflections, as well as indicates something of the pressure to which he is already subjected by office-seekers 'Gen Garfield," said the gentleman, 'has always considered himself fortunate in having a large number of warm and devoted friends, but he never had any true idea of either their numbers or the warmth of their friendship until he was nominated for the Presidency Since his election they have increased wonderfully in numbers and enthusiasm 'The only way in which I can estimate the number of my acquaintances, said Gen Garfield, 'is to group them First, there is the neighborhood group I have always lived in the neighborhood where I was born, and for forty nine years my life here has brought me a continually widening circle of acquaintances, until I can say with almost literal truth that I personally know a majority of the voters of the Nineteenth Congressional District, and they all, or nearly all, know me Second, there is the school group All those persons that I have gone to school with, or who have been my pupils, those whose acquaintance I formed at Teachers Institutes, Educational Conventions, etc, when I was a teacher, and all whose acquaintance I have made by correspondence and otherwise during my public life,—persons who are especially interested in education, and who have sought my acquaintance or assistance on account of my interest in the same subject Third, the church group The Disciple Church, from the very nature of its organization, being a "new church, as it is called, on account of its origin, in a sort of protest against the creed formulas of other religious denominations, thus evoking opposition, has tended to make the Campbellites what is called "clannish Membership in any new organization naturally creates a strong bond of fellowship and sympathy and this was especially the case in the early organization of the Church of the Disciples So from my connection with that church many of its members in all parts of the country have sought my acquaintance They feel that they have a peculiar claim upon me, such I believe as no other President has ever had made upon him for a similar reason Fourth, there is the army group The Forty-second Ohio volunteers, of which I was Colonel, the two brigades which I commanded afterward, then as Chief of Staff to Gen Rosecrans, I was known by sight to 100,000 men, and personally known to nearly all of the officers in the Army of the Cumberland And, besides all these, of course, my connection with the army brought me many more acquaintances Fifth, there is the political group All those with whom I have served in Congress during the last seventeen years in which time there have been about 2 000 different members of the House of Representatives Besides these are the political acquaintances made during political campaigns and in stumping tours, and other acquaintances which grew out of the fact that during my public service in Congress many hundreds of persons have appeared before committees of which I have been a member I already find that a percentage of these groups will be disposed to take advantage of their acquaintance with me whether it be intimate or casual, to ask official favors appointment etc Of course, many of them will be persons who would be unfit or unworthy recipients of the favors they will seek, or for other reasons it will be impracticable to give them what they ask I shall be compelled to refuse them, and thus shall cause them as well as myself pain I sometimes think of myself, continued Gen Garfield,' as a man going to prison You have heard the advice given to a man who has been convicted of a crime and was to go to prison to bear manfully the punishment for his offense, to obey all the rules of the prison and when his term expires to come back and live it down I am going to see if I can obey all the rules of the Presidency and then come back home and live it down ' Speaking particularly of the tenacity and pertinacity of office-seekers, and the pain which some of them have already begun to inflict upon him, General Garfield remarked It may appear very foolish to be greatly annoyed by what seem to be little things, or by the dogged persistence of these we term small people, but it cannot be helped sometimes. Some of my recent experiences in this regard remind me of the story of the ichneumon and the crocodile on the banks of the Nile. The keen, cunning, cruel creature called the ichneumon watches until he sees the crocodile fast asleep with his mouth open. It then rushes quickly down his throat and with sharp teeth and claws takes hold of the very vitals of the great crocodile, which with all his strength is utterly powerless to loosen the hold of this relentless little tormentor He rolls and writhes in his strong agony and desperation, and at last dies Imagine a crocodile with hundreds of ichneumons down his throat, and you have a picture of the torture that may be inflicted upon a sensitive, sympathetic nature by the horde of office seekers which attacks a new President or any other man who has patronage to bestow at the beginning of a new Administration 'A President labors under a disadvantage that the crocodile does not added Gen Garfield, 'the ichneumons that assail a President do not wait till he is asleep, nor do they come singly They come in at all times, and seasons, and in squads and in regiments '

CAPITAL CHATTER.

The Nominations of the Republican and Democratic Caucuses.

SPRINGFIELD, January 4 —The Thirty second General Assembly convenes at noon to-morrow The contest for the Speakership and minor offices was settled to night The Republicans of the Senate chose W J Campbell, of Cook, as President *pro tem*, and the Republicans of the House nominated H. H Thomas, of Cook, for Speaker, by acclamation, the other candidate having withdrawn The Democratic minority selected Senator W P Cullen, of Morgan, for President *pro tem*, and B K Durfee, of Macon, as their nominee for speaker. The Republicans agreed upon the following list of officers Senate—Secretary, Jas H Paddock, of Kankakee, first assistant, Geo Terwilliger, of Whiteside, second, Bert Castle, of DeKalb, sergeant at arms, J P. Wheatwell, first assistant, Geo. Baird, of Cook, enrolling and engrossing clerk, R W Gates, of Kane, assistant, J B Van Clee, of Cook, postmaster, J S Frederick, of Ford assistant, C W Rhodes, of Cook House—Clerk, W B Taylor, of Marshall, first assistant, John A. Reeves, of Alexander, second assistant, H W Rowell, of Macon, third assistant, Frank W Latimer of Knox

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4 —The Republican members of the Senate and Assembly met in joint caucus this evening, and on the first ballot nominated Gen John F Miller for United States Senator, the vote standing, Miller 63, Senator Booth 5

NEW YORK, Jan 4 —The annual report of the Government Directors of the Union Pacific Road has been published, showing the gross earnings for 1880 to have been $25,000,000, an increase over 1879 of about $3,000,000 The report says unless more liberal terms can be made with the Pullman Car Company, those cars will be taken off and their places supplied The consolidation of the Pacific roads is recommended

COLUMBIA, S C., Jan. 4 —The General Assembly convened The Governor's message shows the state debt to be $6,460,000, which can, by July 1, be reduced to $5,000 000 It is recommended that a four per cent refunding scheme be put in operation

HARRISBURG, PA, January 4 —The first biennial session of the Pennsylvania Legislature was held to day The Republican caucus nominees were elected officers

In the Senate, a sensation was caused by L B Coxe, Democrat, from Luzerne county, declining to take the 'iron clad' oath He made a long statement, showing that he had used money in securing his own election and therefore could not conscientiously allow himself to be sworn in

AUGUSTA, Me, Jan 4—It is intimated a caucus of Republicans will be held to consult on the gubernatorial question While Republicans from Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties favor seating Plaisted at once, those from the eastern portion and many from the middle and western sections desire to move cautiously

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4 —The legislature of Indiana will convene on Thursday next The senatorial caucus will probably not be held until after the inauguration of Gov Porter, which takes place Monday Gen. Ben Harrison's friends claim that he will receive the party nomination on the first ballot Other prominent candidates are Hon Wm Cumback and Hon. Godlove S Orth

LANSING, MICH, Jan 4 —The Legislature of Michigan opens to morrow, and all the interest centres on the Senatorial fight Messrs Conger, Baldwin and Bagley are all here, and each is supported by a large and well drilled lobby. Their leading workers make claims that show the opening ballot will be very nearly balanced, and as yet there are no signs of where the break will come from The caucus will be held Wednesday or Thursday night, Bagley's friends want it early, Baldwin's are equally anxious, while Conger's backers are in no hurry The contest thus far shows no acrimony, but any quantity of stubbornness.

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Teachers' Meeting.

Pursuant to adjournment the meeting was called to order by the president Mr E B Smith was made secretary *pro tem* in the absence of the regular secretary, Mr S McBride The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved The county superintendent then discussed the proposition to adopt a graduating course of study for our county schools at some length, Several teachers responded as heartily in favor of such a system Mr Gantz, of Oreana, read a paper of some length on the wants of our country schools, which was listened to with marked interest Mr Evans, of the 1st ward discussed phonics at some length Mr Gantz then offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, That we, the members of the monthly association in regular meeting assembled, do hereby endorse the county superintendent's plan of organizing the schools of our county into districts embracing six or more schools, and to provide for the same a graduating course of study, and that we pledge our cordial encouragement and hearty support to the scheme.

The programme for the next meeting will be published in due time

B L Martin is teaching at Brush College, Agnes Humphrey at Excelsior L M Andrews at Sangamon, Elias Kost at Oakley, George Krout at Blue Door, Mrs Josie Hemmiger at Union, J B Hackler at Peck Theo Funk at Central Hannah Heath at Berry, Mollie Williams at Forest Grove, Eva L Foster at Salem John N Nickey at Bois de'Arc John McCoy at Prairie Valley, D C Myers at Ridge D T Worley at Carmean Lulu Davis and A W Coleman at Long Creek J H Black at Oak Ridge, and W C Gregory at Eldorado Space will not allow an extended notice of the above schools, but whenever we have a spare line we shall not fail to notice the good features mentioned in them

By the action of the teachers at the last regular meeting, the superintendent is authorized to divide the county into large districts and to organize graduating classes in them He will set about the work immediately, but owing to the care with which the course of study must be prepared, cannot thoroughly organize the county for some time to come however classes will be formed as soon as possible Instructions for forming them will be given next week

We make the following quotations from notes handed us by Rev L M Andrews on the above subject

"The principle involved in the proposition in my opinion, furnishes the true key to efficient classification in our public schools

' Such a course would furnish a much needed stimulus to pupils in their work '

It would reduce teaching to a profession, and instruction to a system '

Those pupils passing through the common branches should receive a degree and those completing the course should receive a diploma '

It seems to me that those passing the highest grade should receive a diploma from the board of supervisors and county superintendent, while the diploma for the common branches should be given by the board of directors and county superintendent '

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office, Decatur Ill for the week ending Jan 5, 1880

Adams, Miss Berlu	Knipple, Rev W W
Athelstane, G C	Lord Anchy
Agan, M W	Leslie, Joseph M D
Baker, Mrs May	La Roach J D
Bowen Mrs Louisa	Mills, Andrew
Carr Howard	Morris, Ellas
Cottrell L D	Mechum E
Fitzgerald Mrs Mary	McCune, Miss Mary
Graham, C W	Packer, Wm
Gorman, E	Skeggs H H
Gordon Mrs Mattie	Smith, Frank (colored)
Hiner, Merott	St John J C
Haller Miss Mary	Staunton James
Indianapolis See Co	Turner Sarah
Judd, Chas B	Whetstong Julius A
Jackson, Mrs	Warner Samuel
Johnson H (colored)	Wortendike Mrs J H
Kellogg Adelbert	Young, Miss Millie
Kirby, Wm	R P LYTLE P M

No 2's New Officers

Following are the new officers of Eldorado Hose Co No 2 elected at the meeting held last evening

Captain—A Shoemaker
1st Lieutenant—Jesse Kepple
2d —Lew Bickes
Secretary—Lee Hall
Financial Secretary—Will Rawes
Treasurer—R Kincaid
1st Pipeman—E Shoemaker
2d Pipeman—G Sanderson
1st Plugman—Will Montgomery
2d Plugman—Will Conant
Standing Committee —Kincaid, Montague, Shoemaker, Kepple and Rawley

The captain and lieutenant set 'em up to the boys after the meeting adjourned

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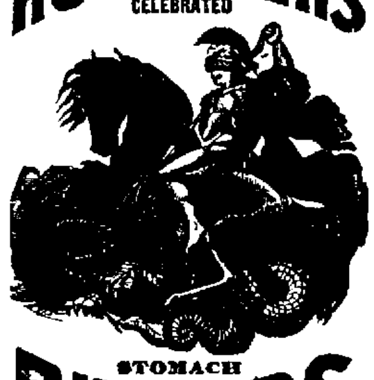

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In the Circuit Court December Term 1880—In Chancery No 11 118

John M Henson vs Sarah Henson William H Henson, Jemima Taylor Robert S Henson, Sidney M Smith Sarah A Seitz, Robert A Cross William H Cross Sarah A Adams, Jemima E Adams and Jacob Cross

PUBLIC NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN, that in pursuance of a decretal order entered in the above entitled cause in said court, at the December term, A D 1880, I John A Brown Master in Chancery of said court on

Saturday, the 22nd day of January, A D 1881,

at the hour of two o clock P M of said day, shall sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder—provided the bid or bids on each tract offered shall be equal to at least two-thirds of the appraised value of said tracts—at the west entrance to the circuit court room in the city of Decatur, Illinois the following described real estate situated in said county and State, to wit

Ten acres off of the east side of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and thirty eight acres off of the west side of the west half of the southeast quarter all in section thirty-one subject to the dower and homestead right of Sarah Henson therein Also forty two acres being the east part of the west half of the southeast quarter of section thirty-one (31) township seventeen (17), and the north half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section six (6) township sixteen (16) Also the west one-third of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section four (4), township sixteen [16, being thirteen and one-third [13 1-3], acres All of said above real estate being in range two [2] east of the 3rd P M Also lot sixteen [16], in block thirteen [13] in Warrensburg, Ill—All of said above real estate being in Macon county Illinois

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Decatur Ill Dec 20 A D 1880
JAMES DUNNING Administrator
Dec 30—w4w

Executrix' Notice.

Estate of MARY A LONG, Deceased

Public notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Mary A Long, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be holden at the court house, in the city of Decatur, on the second Monday of February, A D. 1881, being the first day of said term

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